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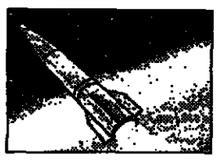
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When Ronald Reagan dreamt it up, people laughed. Now they are taking a global defence system seriously

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By Thursday fireworks worth £40 million will have gone up in smoke. Weekend Times meets the pyrotechnicians and lists the displays Guy Fawkes would have loved

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First catch your squirrel, says Frances Bissell, who turns to this and other field and forest dwellers for her country cooking recipes

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"I've been thinking about this moment for two years, and I've decided the worst thing would be to be tense and frightened." England's rugby captain Will Carling talks to Kate Muir
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Showdown in Madrid

Set us free, Palestinian leader tells Shamir

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN MADRID

PALESTINIANS put their case for an independent state to the world yesterday as a granite-faced Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, looked on at the Middle East peace conference.

With the Israelis sitting across from him, Haidar Abdel-Shafi, the head of the Palestinian delegation, said: "We come to you from a tortured land and a proud, though captive people, having been asked to negotiate with our occupiers."

He then looked directly at the irritated Jewish leader and urged him to "set them free".

Mr Shamir had opened the day's session with an equally emotive justification for the existence of his country: "We are the only people who have lived in the land of Israel without interruption for nearly 4,000 years. We are the only people, except for a short crusader kingdom, who have had an independent sovereignty in this land. We are the only people for whom Jerusalem has been a capital. We are the only people whose sacred places are only in the land of Israel," he said.

"The Zionist movement gave political expression to *our claim to the Land of* Israel. And in 1922, the League of Nations recognised the justices of this claim ... Regrettably," Mr Shamir said, "the Arab leaders, whose friendship we wanted most, opposed a Jewish state in the region."

Barely 24 hours after the opening of the peace conference the two sides were laying out their hardline positions which, on the face of *it, left little room for progress.* But as the day's proceedings closed, official sources said that the second, bilateral stage of the talks, due to open on Sunday, would start in Madrid but that no agreement had yet been reached over where the talks would continue.

Arab delegates rejected Mr Shamir's public invitation to hold the talks alternately between Arab and Israeli locations. "There can be no *negotiations in Israel as long* as they occupy Arab land," said Hanan Ashwari, the spokeswoman of the Palestinian delegation. "We need a neutral and free place."

Mrs Ashwari accused Mr Shamir of trying to negate the history of the Palestinians during his 45-minute address, delivered under the watchful eye of James Baker, the American Secretary of State, who opened and closed sessions with a large wooden gavel. "The tone of the speech reflected exactly what is happening in the occupied territories," Mrs Ashwari declared. "Domination, racism and a patronising attitude."

After savage attacks against Israel from Jordan, the Palestinians and most notably *from Syria, Benjamin Netan*yahu, Israel's deputy foreign minister, accused the Arabs of delivering speeches full of "vituperation, slander and condescension". The minister, who is the chief Israeli spokesman in Madrid, looked *visably shaken as he added:* "The speeches effectively called for the dismantling of Israel. This is not the spirit or hope that we came here for."

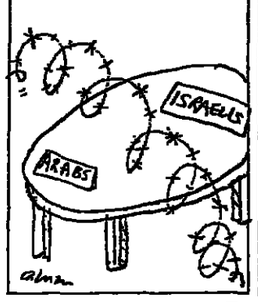
Prominent Western diplomatic sources expressed dismay at the reversion to traditional hostility, which *had shattered the mood of* cautious hope built up during the inaugural session of the conference. But in an attempt to maintain a mood of progress, the sources claimed defensively that the day had ended with the Arabs and Israelis putting their point of view and nobody had walked out.

The Israeli delegation looked on in anger and disbelief as Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian foreign minister, delivered a vintage anti-Israeli diatribe that evoked Syria's rejection of the Camp David peace process between Israel and Egypt in the 1970s. "It is no exaggeration to state that the continuing intransigent Israeli position, which is bereft of any justification, is the one that places the world on the brink of incalculable dangers and prevents the region from enjoying peace," he said. The minister added that Syria

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Peace Conference...



Lords are hosts to a glittering state occasion



The Queen delivering her speech from the Throne, the Prince and Princess of Wales at her right, during the State Opening of Parliament yesterday

Public spending overshoot kills Tory hopes of tax cuts

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

CONSERVATIVE hopes of pre-election tax cuts in next year's Budget were dashed yesterday when it became clear that public spending has risen well beyond government targets. The chances of early *interest rate reductions also* seemed remote as the Chancellor emphasised the need for economic caution and prudence in his speech to the Lord Mayor's banquet last night.

Extra funding for the health service has been agreed for this year and details will be announced in Norman Lamont's autumn statement on Wednesday. That is expected to show spending totals much higher than the original target of £215 billion.

Last year's Queen's Speech promised that ministers would maintain firm control of public expenditure "with the aim of keeping its share of national income on a downward trend". In yesterday's speech, the words "over time" *had been added to the sentence,* signalling that the government has had to let spending rise as a proportion of gross domestic product.

In his Mansion House speech, Mr Lamont said that the economy was "now on the road to recovery", but he gave *no hint of any further easing of* government policy to help that recovery along. His cautious approach was echoed by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, *governor of the Bank of England,* who told that banquet audience that there should be no "quick fix" to ease the problems caused by recession.

The hint of higher than expected public spending came as the prime minister launched his long-term election campaign with a pledge that the Conservatives would increase health spending in real terms every year. John Major insisted again during the debate on the Queen's Speech that there would be no privatisation and no charges for visits to doctors or hospitals and declared: "In each and every year the NHS will, under us, get a real increase in its resources for patient care."

The speech outlined twelve key bills for the shortened pre-election parliamentary programme whose centrepiece will be the replacement of the poll tax in 1993 by a property-based council tax. The government is determined to get the bill on the statute book however early it may call an election, and is planning to complete the Commons stages before Christmas. Ministers will almost certainly guillotine the whole committee stage immediately it has had its second reading.

Other proposed legislation includes the implementation of the citizen's charter, education bills to make schools publish examination and truancy statistics and to end the distinction between universities and polytechnics, a bill to speed up the processing of *asylum applications, and the* creation of an offence of prison rioting.

Mr Major told the Commons that a two-day debate on Europe would be held on November 20 and 21, and went on to detail his sticking points in the negotiations on European union.

- ☐ *Replacement of poll tax with council tax*
- ☐ Commission to review structure of local government
- ☐ Unified framework for post-16 education and training; ending distinction between universities and polytechnics
- ☐ Schools required to publish exam and truancy league tables
- ☐ *Swifter processing for asylum cases*
- ☐ Creation of new offence of prison rioting
- ☐ Modernisation of charity law
- ☐ Strengthening of health and safety on offshore oil/gas rigs
- ☐ Privatised utilities forced to implement citizen's charter
- ☐ Speeding transport projects by simplifying Commons procedure

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Joyriding law to be brought in

By ELAINE FOGG

LEGISLATION to combat joyriding is to be introduced in the new session of Parliament, it was disclosed last night.

The announcement of the measure, which was not listed in the Queen's Speech, came the day after the latest joyriding death. Adele Thompson, aged 12, was killed in Liverpool on Wednesday just 15 minutes after the car involved was stolen.

Last night two men were being questioned by police. The accident happened as Toxteth residents were holding a public meeting about joyriding, drug abuse and other problems in Liverpool.

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Bridgewater case reopened

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A FRESH police review of the Carl Bridgewater case is to be carried out after representations from solicitors acting for the four men convicted in connection with the killing of the newspaper boy, aged 13, in 1979.

If new doubts over evidence, including police interviews and a crucial confession, are confirmed by Staffordshire police, the case could be sent for a third time to the Court of Appeal. It would become the sixth case returned to the appeal judges *in recent years by successive* home secretaries.

Kenneth Baker has this year already referred back the cases of two of the three men convicted for the murder of PC Keith Blakelock in the Broadwater Farm riots, and Judith Ward, convicted for the M42 IRA bombing. In the past two years the convictions of the Birmingham Six, the Guildford Four and the Maguire family have been overturned.

In a brief statement yesterday on the Bridgewater case the Home Office said that Mr Baker had asked for a police report from Staffordshire police "on a number of issues raised in recent representations submitted by solicitors" acting for the four convicted men. In the light of the outcome of the police report the home secretary will consider whether there are grounds for further intervention in the case.

The decision to call for more investigations by the police is thought to have been prompted by the work of Dr Brian Butterworth, a reader in psychology at University College London, on the confession of Patrick Molloy, one of the four men, convicted of manslaughter.

Yesterday Jim Nichol, the solicitor acting for the four convicted men, said :"Our

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'Coup plotters ordered troops to kill Yeltsin'

From MARY DEJEVSKY
IN MOSCOW

THE August coup in the Soviet Union was not all tactical miscalculation and drunken orgies, but could have succeeded, according to a Soviet television documentary to be shown shortly.

The documentary, produced and fronted by the writer Gennadi Cherkashin, claims that on the third day of the coup the head of the KGB tried unsuccessfully to capture Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, and when that failed, troops were ordered to shoot down an aircraft on which he was believed to be travelling.

The film, *Foros, August 1991* – named after a town near the president's villa in the Crimea – shows interviews with troops from a border guard battalion ordered to take up position at Baalbek airport on the morning of August 21. They said that they were drawn up in battle formation at the airport and informed that a plane coming in to land should be shot down as an intruder.

According to the soldiers, the order was rescinded seven minutes before the plane landed. They told Mr Cherkashin that they had heard rumours that Mr Yeltsin was on board and had debated *whether to disobey. In the end,* they had decided that disobedience would be hopeless – others would shoot, and they were likely to be shot with the incoming plane.

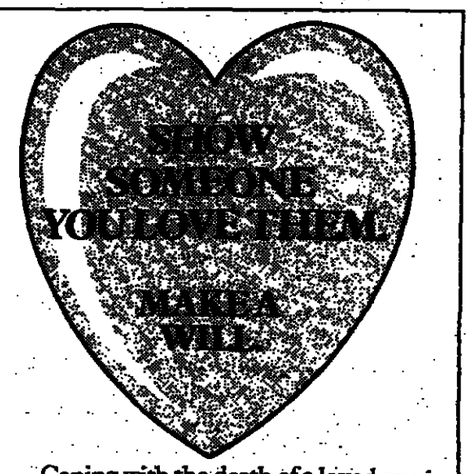
As it *transpired after the order* was cancelled, the plane was carrying not Mr Yeltsin but Aleksandr Rutskoi, his vice-president, and Ivan Silayev, the then Russian prime minister, with a detachment of paratroops and several journalists. Nobody at this week's preview of the film would say who countermanded the order to shoot, and Jonathan Steele of *The Guardian*, a journalist on the aircraft, said that clearance to land was given about half an hour before it landed.

In the film, Mr Rutskoi recounts how in the early morning of August 21 Mr Yeltsin had been invited by Vladimir Kryuchkov, the KGB chief, to ac*company him to see President Gorb*achev at Foros. The stated purpose of the trip was to allow Mr Yeltsin to see for himself that Mr Gorbachev was unable to continue as president. Mr Rutskoi *speculated, however, that the real reason* was to separate Mr Yeltsin from the Russian parliament and take him hostage as well.

Mr Cherkashin concludes that without the steadfast resistance shown in Moscow and Leningrad, the coup would have succeeded.



Yeltsin: evaded capture by head of the KGB

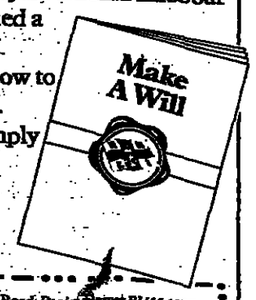


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Lies and forced confessions claimed over murdered paperboy



Carl Bridgewater: blasted in the head with shotgun

Peter Victor charts the events leading to the call yesterday by the home secretary for an investigation into the Carl Bridgewater case

CARL Bridgewater was delivering his last three newspapers when he rode his yellow bicycle towards Yew Tree Farm, Stourbridge, Staffordshire, on September 19, 1979. He was blasted in the head with a shotgun when he disturbed burglars at the farm.

Michael Hickey, then aged 17, now 30, his cousin Vincent Hickey, now 36, of Redditch, and James Robinson, 56, from Birmingham, were convicted at Stafford crown court of Carl's murder and aggravated burglary in 1979. Vincent Hickey and Robinson were both jailed for life with a recommendation that they serve at least 25 years. Michael Hickey was ordered to be detained indefinitely. Patrick Molloy was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

A month after they were jailed and 15 months after Carl was killed, Hubert Spencer, an ambulanceman, shot Hubert Wilkes, aged 70, in the head with a shotgun during a drinks party on the farm next to the scene of Carl's murder. Mr Spencer had been questioned in connection with Carl's killing. He told police he did not know why he killed Mr Wilkes.

All four men convicted of Carl's killing applied for leave to appeal against their convictions. Molloy died in June 1981 before his application could be heard, but not before he retracted his confession, recorded by officers from the now disbanded West Midlands serious crime squad, and wrote letters attacking lawyers and judges connected with the case.

Vincent Hickey took sodium pentathol, the so-called "truth drug", to give evidence for the application for leave to appeal. The appeals were dismissed by the Appeal Court in December 1981.

In 1985 Reginald Hickey, who gave evidence against his cousins, said that he had perjured himself in the hope of receiving parole and of getting back at Vincent, whom he blamed for his own imprisonment. Brian Sinton, a former prisoner, claimed in September 1986 that evidence of a confession by Michael Hickey that he gave to the trial jury in 1979 had been made up after pressure from prison guards.

In 1983 the two Hickeys staged a rooftop demonstration at Long Lartin prison in Worcestershire. Eight months later Michael began a three-month rooftop vigil but both demonstrations failed to sway the authorities. In 1986 Douglas Hurd, the then home secretary, ordered a new enquiry into the case. By 1987 five prosecution witnesses had changed their evidence and the three men won a right to appeal.

Staffordshire police said during the appeal that a tissue of lies and half-truths had been used to discredit their investigation into the murder. The appeal court upheld the convictions in March 1989. Leave to appeal to the law lords was refused.

The disbanding of the West Midlands serious crime squad re-opened the possibility of a further appeal. A dossier submitted to the Home Office earlier this year included an analysis by Dr Brian Butterworth, reader in psychology at University College London, claimed that there was less than a chance in a million that a confession given by Molloy to a member of the West Midlands regional crime squad was given in the circumstances described by police.

The dossier also included new evidence about Mervyn "Tex" Ritter, who testified at the original trial that Robinson had admitted the murder to him while they had been in prison together. The appeal court was told that in another case a judge had called Ritter a pathological liar.

Last April, Vincent Hickey protested his innocence in a television interview.

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Brain-damaged girl stands to get £100m in settlement for life

By Frances Gibb, *Legal Affairs Correspondent*

A GIRL aged six left brain damaged and paralysed by a hospital blunder at birth stands to receive a record £100 million investment income under a "structured settlement" damages award in the High Court yesterday.

The award to Rebecca Field, the first structured settlement in Britain against a health authority, will be paid out provided she lives a normal life span to the age of 76. Even if Rebecca, of Hampton Park, Hereford and Worcester, was paid the conventional lump sum award, she would still have won record medical negligence damages of £1.7 million.

Mr Justice Phillips approved the award to the girl, who is said to be cheerful despite her handicaps. She has been almost completely paralysed and cannot breathe without a ventilator. She has to be fed by tube.

Hugh Carlisle, QC, for Rebecca, said that a lump sum of £1,042,413 — part of about £1.6 million compensation — would be paid over by the Herefordshire health authority and invested to provide her with an annual income for life.

At a High Court hearing in June where the lump sum £1.7 million award was provisionally approved, the judge adjourned the case to see if part of the damages could be turned into a structured settlement.

Mr Carlisle told Mr Justice Phillips that with tax at the present rate that fund would be exhausted in 20 years, and sooner if tax was increased. Under the structured settlement she will be looked after for life. Doctors have been gloomy about her life expectation, Mr Carlisle said. But Rebecca's devoted parents, Yvonne and Alan Field, "say she will live far longer than doctors say, and they are going to prove it".

The tragedy occurred during Rebecca's birth at Hereford county hospital in November 1984. Forceps were used with such excessive force during the delivery that she was left with damage to her brain and spinal cord. The health authority admitted liability.

The judge who praised the "quite remarkable" care given to Rebecca by her parents earlier watched what he described as a moving film of a day in her life. He said it was extraordinarily tragic and that the tragedy was only lightened by the courage and sense of humour of Rebecca and the devotion of her parents. Rebecca communicates with the help of a computer and attends a normal school with special facilities.

The settlement far outstrips the previous highest structured compensation of £14.8 million in July to a former plumber, Raymond Everett, aged 29, of west London, who was left brain damaged after a car crash. He will receive £14.8 million in compensation if he lives to 80.

Structured settlements are increasingly popular as a way of awarding damages in place of the traditional lump sum. In a structured settlement a lump sum provides for the plaintiff's immediate needs but, additionally, annuities are purchased to provide annual payments to cover future care needs. With accruing interest, these can bring in sizeable sums over the years.

In Rebecca's case three life policies will be bought to produce regular payments and lump sums throughout her life. She will also receive £507,587, to be invested with the Court of Protection.

The previous highest medical negligence lump sum award was £1,198,110 paid out in December last year to Hugo Cassel, aged eight, who also suffered brain damage at birth.



Ordeal over: Rebecca's parents after the hearing

Secret watch on IRA targets

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

POLICE have mounted several confidential multi-million pound operations in the past two years to protect potential IRA targets and counteract the mainland terrorist campaign, a senior Scotland Yard officer disclosed yesterday.

Thousands of officers have been deployed to watch potential targets sometimes on a 24-hour basis through undercover and overt patrols. Three operations have been mounted under the cover of a news blackout leading to two convictions and three arrests.

The first led to a 42-day watch on an arms cache found on a Welsh beach. Last December Liam O'Dhuibhir and Damien McComb were each sentenced to 30 years.

During the second operation, police are believed to have monitored almost 200 VIPs and premises thought to be at risk from an IRA attack. As a result, police arrested Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley at Stonehenge, and charged them with conspiring to murder Sir Charles Tidbury, former chairman of Whitbread brewers.

Police also recovered 40 kilos of Semtex explosive. The pair escaped from Brixton prison earlier this year. A third man is awaiting trial.

The third operation involved police protection of over 150 military premises. No terrorist arrests were made, although there were 160 arrests for other crimes.



Homecoming: Dessie Ellis, the IRA bomb maker freed by a jury at the Central Criminal Court on Wednesday, arriving with his sister, Martha, to a noisy welcome at Dublin airport yesterday, after being served with an exclusion order signed by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary.

Among the party of IRA supporters and family waiting to welcome him was Patrick Ryan, the former Roman Catholic priest, who was wanted in Britain on explosives charges three years ago, but was not extradited because the authorities in Ireland believed he would not get a fair trial.

Before being hustled away to his family home in Finglas, north Dublin, Mr Ellis said he wanted to thank people in Britain for their help. His sister, who had campaigned on his behalf, said he was suffering from eye trouble, apparently a result of a hunger strike before his extradition from Ireland last year.

Mr Ellis, aged 39, a former television repair man, was acquitted of conspiring to cause explosions in Britain during the IRA bombing campaign between January 1981 to October 1983. He admitted that he had handled bombs for the IRA, but said the devices would be used only in Ulster.

Woman pursues race case

An Irish woman temporarily removed from her catering post at the London air traffic control centre during an IRA bombing campaign yesterday launched a High Court challenge against a government block on her claim that she had been racially discriminated against by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Evelyin Evans, backed by the Commission for Racial Equality, asked three judges to overturn Cecil Parkinson's decision as transport secretary in May 1990 that her removal was justified "for the purpose of national security".

The bombing of the Royal Marine barracks at Deal, Kent, in September 1989, led to increased security at West Drayton and the CAA ordered her removal.

The hearing continues on Monday.

Death verdict

An inquest jury at Alton, Hampshire, last night returned a verdict of accidental death on Stephanie Gibbins, aged 23, a cadet at Southampton University who died in a house fire during an army exercise at Longmoor camp on July 30. Afterwards, David Mitchell, the family solicitor, said: "Many elementary precautions were not taken. The family is hopeful that lessons have been learned."

Official cleared

A senior civil servant accused of being partly responsible for the escape of two IRA suspects from Brixton jail in July has been cleared of negligence. Brian Bubbear had allegedly failed to act effectively on a warning that an escape was being planned by Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley. The Home Office said a disciplinary panel had found that senior officials had made errors of judgment.

Boxer improves

Michael Watson, aged 26, the boxer who has been in a coma since his world title fight with Chris Eubank five weeks ago, has shown significant signs of improvement, surgeons at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London said last night. A spokesman said: "He is able to respond to simple commands. If you ask him to raise his right hand, for instance, he can sometimes do that."

Pay deal refusal

The Royal Opera House orchestra yesterday rejected a new pay offer and was last night holding talks with management at the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service offices in London. Dennis Scard, secretary general of the Musicians Union, said the latest offer was "constructive" but still not good enough. The opera house has been closed for 12 days because of the dispute.

Tories fear ecu trap in treaty

By Philip Webster, *Chief Political Correspondent*

TORY backbenchers are voicing misgivings about the compromise formula on monetary union drawn up to enable John Major to sign a new European Community treaty at Maastricht in December.

After studying the Dutch draft, leading Euro-sceptics are expressing fears that the treaty will bind Britain to the principle of fixed exchange rates and a single currency, even though it affords the opportunity of opting out of the precise arrangements if other countries go ahead.

They are urging Mr Major to seek amendments to the treaty to make plain that Britain is not committing itself to the principle of union in advance of a decision later in the decade about joining a single currency. Their alarm has been aroused by the discovery that the opt-out clauses do not appear to exempt Britain from those treaty articles that cover the broad principles of monetary union.

Article 3a says that the union should include the "irrevocable fixing of exchange rates between the currencies of the member states leading to the introduction of a single currency, the ecu, the definition and conduct of a single monetary and exchange rate policy, the primary objective of which shall be to maintain price stability and, without prejudice to this objective, to support the general economic policy in the community, in a manner compatible with free and competitive market principles".

However, it appears that the clause allowing Britain to opt out from a central bank and a single currency does not cover that article.

William Cash, chairman of the Tory backbench European affairs committee, said: "Our reading of the text suggests that, while we are being allowed to opt out of the mechanics of monetary union, which is important, we are not being exempted from the objectives of monetary union, including irrevocably fixed exchange rates. If that is so, we should ask for the exclusion to be extended to the principles of monetary union."

Senior Conservatives have already voiced anxiety that the small print of the treaty would allow the community to extend its power over the taxation and public spending policies of member states.

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Landowners' head sets market model

The new president of the CLA believes farmers must diversify to survive, writes Michael Hornsby

JOHN Fellowes, who farms more than 7,000 arable acres at Ramsey, in the Cambridgeshire fens, and who was elected this week as president of the Country Landowners' Association, is the very model of a modern farmer-businessman. Profits, he believes, go hand in hand with a well-managed landscape.

"Agriculture alone can no longer ensure a thriving rural economy," he said yesterday. "Farmers must be allowed to do other things and that means less planning red tape. A bête noire of the planners, for example, seems to be the conversion of farm buildings, especially to residential use. Yet there is a clear demand for rural housing."

Successful diversification projects on Mr Fellowes's estate include the conversion of derelict farm buildings into 14 light-industry workshops whose tenants include a cabinet maker, a washing machine repairer, a double-glazing business and a manufacturer of high-tech aircraft equipment.



Fellowes: farmers must be allowed to branch out

The body over which Mr Fellowes will preside for the next two years has 49,000 members. They are estimated to have half the privately owned land in England and Wales, though 20 per cent own fewer than 50 acres. The association's membership overlaps with that of the 100,000-member National Farmers' Union, but the two bodies have differed sharply recently on how best to secure the future of farming.

Broadly, the association has more faith than the union in business opportunities and diversification as a means of creating new sources of income, and is readier to accept the loss of farm subsidies.

Ford pegs wage rise to inflation

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

FORD yesterday rejected union demands for big pay rises for 29,000 manual workers and offered increases matching the inflation rate. The move will set the benchmark for negotiations in dozens of other companies.

Ford, suffering the loss of sales worth about £800 million this year, presented a two-year deal offering 4 per cent extra on pay from November 24, slightly below the current retail prices index of 4.1 per cent, and the rate of inflation in the second year. The unions had asked for 7 per cent plus a reduction in the working week.

John Hougham, the company's executive personnel director, said: "I hope that the workforce will treat this offer seriously."

Jack Adams, the chief union negotiator, said that the offer was predictable in the economic circumstances and added: "We made a claim which we saw realistically in the light of what is happening in the car industry."

● Toyota yesterday signed a single-union recognition agreement for its new car plants at Burnaston, Derbyshire, and Shotton, Clwyd. It has not inisted, however, that the Amalgamated Engineering Union should enter into a no-strike deal.

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MPs may summon Waldegrave

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the health secretary, may be ordered to appear before the Commons health committee to reveal who leaked a report criticising the government's first wave of health service trusts to his department.

The committee, chaired by the Nicholas Winterton, Conservative MP for Macclesfield, meets next Thursday to decide whether to challenge Mr Waldegrave directly in a private session.

The all-party committee launched an enquiry in July after Mr Winterton's draft report was leaked to the health department. The report, which had not been finalised, included 17 pages criticising the department's handling of early applications from hospitals to opt out of local health authority control and become self-governing trusts.

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Star of Bethlehem was a comet in springtime

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

A COMET, not a star, foretold the birth of Christ, and it appeared in the spring of 5 BC, says a scientist.

The earlier view that the star seen by the wise men was a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in 7 BC has been dismissed by Colin Humphreys, of the department of materials science and metallurgy at Cambridge University, who has already dated the Crucifixion to April 3, AD 33.

Recent calculations show that the two planets would always have appeared separate, while the Bible, he says, talks of a single object that came and "stood over" Bethlehem. The planetary conjunction might, however, have served as an early warning to the magi, who were most likely astronomer-astrologers from Arabia or Mesopotamia.

For the magi, the astrological message would have been that a messiah was to be born in Israel. The following year a second planetary conjunction of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn would have reinforced the message. The final signal that made them begin the trek to Bethlehem would have been a comet in the spring of 5 BC, when it was recorded by Chinese astronomers.

The Chinese records say that the comet, with its tail, was visible for 70 days, appearing on March 9 and disappearing on May 4. "A comet uniquely fits the description in Matthew of a star which newly appeared, which travelled slowly through the sky against the star background and which 'stood over' Bethlehem," Professor Humphreys says in the *Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society*.

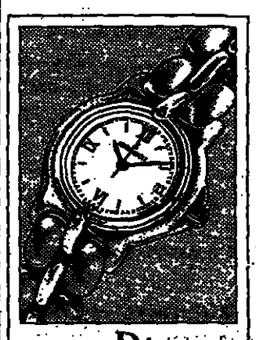
Two other comets described by the Chinese — 4 BC and 12 BC — are possible, but 5 BC is the most consistent with other data, including the census of Caesar Augustus.

The identification of the star of Bethlehem with a comet goes back to at least the third century AD. In recent years it has often been dismissed because comets are thought to have been seen by the ancients as foretelling the death of kings, not their birth. And anybody who believes that Christ was born on December 25 is in for a disappointment. Professor Humphreys says that the spring would be more consistent with the gospel story. St Luke tells of the shepherds living in the fields, looking after their sheep, but December in Bethlehem is cold and damp and the flocks were not normally outside in that month.

If it was the spring when Christ was born, then it was most likely during the Passover, for at no other time would there have been no room at the inn. Professor Humphreys says that Christ was most likely born between April 13 and 27 in 5 BC. If so, the visit of the magi can be timed to between May 24 and June 8.

The professor is now turning his attention to the Exodus.

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Downing Street promises legislation as police appeal for help from public

Joyriders run away after stolen car kills girl

By Ronald Faux

MERSEYSIDE police appealed to the public yesterday for help in hunting two men who ran from a stolen sports car after it had ploughed into a group of children in Toxteth, Liverpool, killing a girl aged 12 and seriously injuring two boys aged nine and ten.

The accident happened on Wednesday evening as the children were collecting for Guy Fawkes' night in Granby Street, Toxteth, a street often used by joyriders. Adele Thompson, of Kensington, Liverpool, died immediately when the red Mazda sports car, stolen 15 minutes earlier in central Liverpool, hit the children at high speed after the driver lost control.

Adele's aunt, Pat Thompson, appealed to the Toxteth community yesterday to help to trace the car thieves who caused her death. "Somebody knows who they are. Please give them up if you know or have heard anything," she said. "Come forward to stop it happening to another family."

Meanwhile, Downing Street confirmed last night that there would definitely be legislation, in some form, to create an offence of joyriding, although there was no measure listed in yesterday's Queen's Speech.

Delroy Burris, aged 41, of Toxteth, who saw Wednesday night's crash, said: "The red car went up to the top of the street and did a handbrake turn. It came back moving so fast that it pulled the flap of my jacket as it came past. It must have been doing 70 miles an hour, weaving in and out of the cars. The back end of the car then swerved round ... and it went straight at the wall. The kids were there, and I saw two of them go in the air. They were like dolls flying in the air. The car looked to be somersaulting, with smoke and sparks coming from it."

The two boys taken to hospital were Daniel Davies, aged nine, who was critically ill in intensive care at Alder Hey Children's hospital yesterday, and Christopher Nimbley, aged ten, who was treated for serious injuries. Both are from Toxteth.

Superintendent Michael Speakman, Toxteth sub-division police commander, said yesterday that several people who witnessed the accident probably recognised the car occupants. "We are appealing to people not to protect the car thieves, but to protect the children and elderly of the area from the horrors we saw last night," he said.

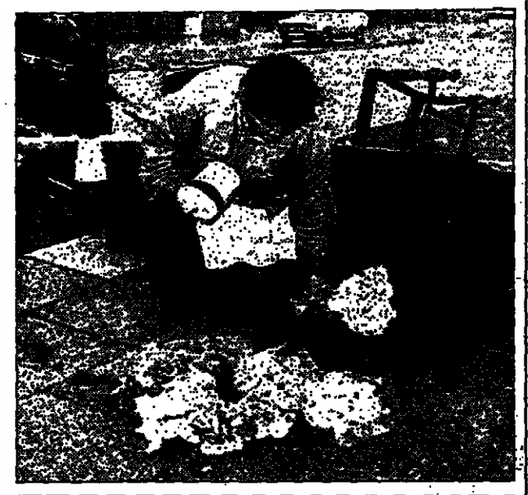
The death of an elderly woman after she was knocked down by a stolen car a year ago produced such revulsion and horror that stolen car incidents declined for a while, but the problem had been creeping back, he said. "Last night it returned with a vengeance." Police asked anyone with information to call 051 777 4658.

The accident happened as Toxteth residents were holding a public meeting about joyriding, drug abuse and other problems in Liverpool. Yesterday, they erected barricades in Granby Street to stop the joyriders using it as a racetrack, and laid flowers where the accident happened. An appeal by residents for the council to fit "sleeping policemen" to cut traffic speeds has not, so far, been answered.

Mr Speakman said the police needed help from the public. "It is their community which is suffering and they can do a lot to stop it themselves," he said. "We cannot do it on our own. We need their help. We cannot prosecute without witnesses."

"My advice to the occupants of this vehicle is that they should give themselves up to the police as soon as they can," he said. "There are a lot of angry people on the streets out there. They are highly indignant and there is a chance that the police will not get the opportunity to deal with these people. I recognise that people will want to exact their own revenge, but that is not the way to do it. I ask people not to take the law into their own hands."







Toxteth tragedy: Adele Thompson, whose death prompted residents to erect street barricades and lay flowers (top right) on the pavement where she died. Her killers fled after crashing a stolen sports car (bottom right)



Christopher Nimbley: suffered serious injuries

Children chief tells of letter

FORMER children's homes chief Frank Beck wept in court yesterday as he told how he wrote to Greville Janner, the Labour MP for Leicester West, around 1977 in an attempt to stop his alleged relationship with an orphan boy, aged 15, in care.

"The boy had been abused something chronic and I wasn't going to have it," Mr Beck, aged 49, told Leicester crown court.

Mr Beck said he had reported the incident to Dorothy Edwards, director of social services.

Mr Beck, formerly of Braunstone, a suburb of Leicester, denies 27 charges of physical and sexual abuse against children in care and former members of staff, allegedly committed at three children's homes over 13 years up to 1986.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Writer defends claim that soap actor was hated

By Robin Young

THE reporter who described Bill Roache the television actor as smug, self-satisfied and boring refused to apologise yesterday and claimed in the High Court that Mr Roache was despised by many other members of the cast of *Coronation Street*.

Ken Irwin, who wrote the article in *The Sun* last November, said those who secretly despised Mr Roache included many of the present cast, all of whom signed a letter of support last December voicing great respect and affection for Mr Roache. Mr Irwin said it would not be fair to name the signatories whom he thought despised Mr Roache.

Though *The Sun* has now apologised for saying that Mr Roache was hated by his colleagues in the cast, five of whom gave evidence for Mr Roache earlier in the trial, Mr Irwin said he still stood by the words he had written in the story submitted to *The Sun*, that they "could not stand" and "despised" him.

The Sun was accused at the start of yesterday's hearing of making a mockery of the proceedings by printing a "deliberately insulting and downright unfair" report of the case in yesterday's paper.

Charles Gray, QC, complained to the judge, Mr Justice Waterhouse, that *The Sun* had set out in detail material which had deliberately not been read out in court. The judge commented: "We have a free press and they publish, subject to the restrictions of the Contempt of Court Act, what they choose to publish."

Mr Roache was not in court yesterday but his wife, Sara, told how he had reacted to seeing yesterday's papers. She said: "I think distraught is probably too light a word to use, quite honestly. He's supposed to be working. The personal assistant said me he was carrying on, obviously with great difficulty, because every time he started he had to sit down because he felt so sick."

Mrs Roache said that when the original article in *The Sun* was published, her husband looked so grey she thought he was ill. "I expected him to say someone had died. He just slammed the paper down and said 'That bastard Irwin has annihilated me' and he slumped down with his head in his hands."

Mrs Roache said that her daughter had suffered at school because of the article, and they had received nasty letters. Engagements for her husband's personal appearances had dropped off totally.

David Eady, QC, opening the newspaper's defence, said *The Sun*'s allegations were "pretty low down on the calendar. Most of us, if accused of being boring, smug or self satisfied, might not like it, but few of us would sue," he said.

The case continues today.

Wapping riot police discharged

THE prosecution of two police officers accused of "fitting up" a demonstrator at riots outside the News International plant in Wapping, east London, in 1987 was halted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday because of the absence of a "compelling" defence witness.

Inspector Derek Watts and Sergeant Colin Langstone were discharged after Judge Richard Lowry ruled that the long interval between the alleged offence and the officers being put on trial had put their defence at a disadvantage.

It brings to an end the controversial legal saga over the confrontation between demonstrators and police outside the plant and also a lengthy operation by Northamptonshire police who investigated complaints about alleged misconduct of officers.

Nicholas Twizzell, a former Metropolitan Police constable now in Australia, would have been a key witness on behalf of Watts and Langstone and his absence would mean the officers would not receive a fair trial, the judge said. He accepted a defence submission to stay the proceedings.

The judge said that if the two officers had been convicted there would have been a "reasonable sense of unease as to whether a fair trial had taken place".

Watts and Langstone were facing their second trial for alleged perjury. A first jury were unable to agree on verdicts against them in July. The two men were accused of fabricating evidence against Mr David Johnstone, a chauffeur, who was arrested on January 24, 1987, at an "anniversary demonstration" and charged with throwing a lump of concrete at Watts.

A paint job that could last 20 years

By Nick Nuttall and Andrea Smith

A DEVELOPMENT which could spell hard times for Forth Road Bridge painters and save householders significant sums in decorating bills has been made by British scientists.

A team at Essex University has completed trials and filed patents on a paint which, if not exactly everlasting, is claimed to last substantially longer than traditional coatings, giving it a life of around 20 years.

Alfred Tseung, professor of electrochemistry at the university and the scientist leading the team, said: "We are very encouraged by our results."

The paint, called Celcote, is the result of three years' research and is described as similar to normal paint but with a few secret additives. "I can assure you it is non-toxic, cheap and environmentally friendly," Professor Tseung said.

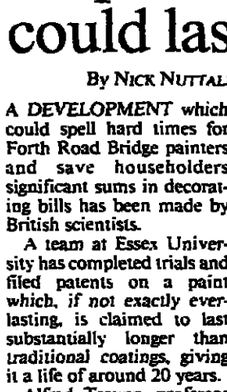
Unlike normal paints, it is relatively non-porous, acting as a barrier against the weather which rapidly degrades normal paints as well as the masonry, concrete, wood or metal underneath. Steel coated in Celcote and placed in a salt water solution took 180 days to corrode enough to produce a small current of electricity, while steel covered in ordinary paint produced electricity in about a fortnight.

Further tests have been carried out using ultraviolet light which, if the ozone layer continues to thin, could have important consequences for the life of exterior paints.

There have been encouraging results using the paint on glass-fibre reinforced plastics, as used in some boats, which can delaminate or separate in salt water. The scientists now hope to test their findings in full-scale industrial trials.

Professor Tseung, mindful of the popular belief that so-called everlasting inventions have been acquired and suppressed by companies fearful for their profits, said that his team was working with an undisclosed paint company that was evaluating the paint's performance. It had decided to license the invention to a range of firms for differing applications to ensure that no single company monopolised the rights.

Wayne Smith, of the Paintmakers' Association in London, said yesterday that conventional exterior paints would last between two to five years. Coatings lasting substantially existed, but were used for industrial products, including prefabricated buildings, because they required curing at high temperatures and industrial solvents.





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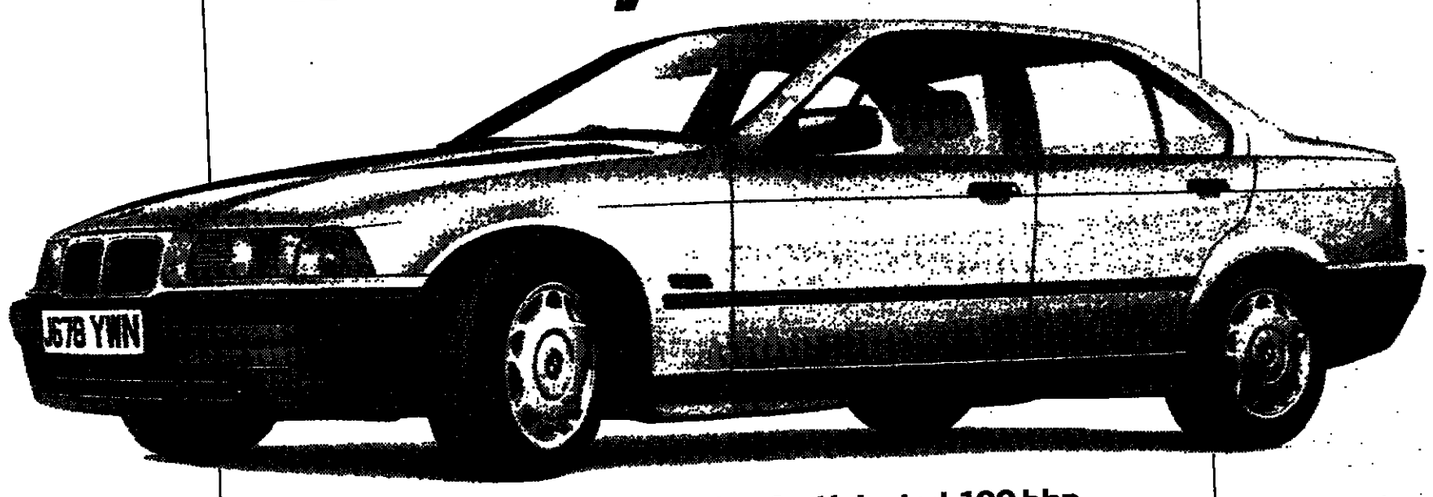
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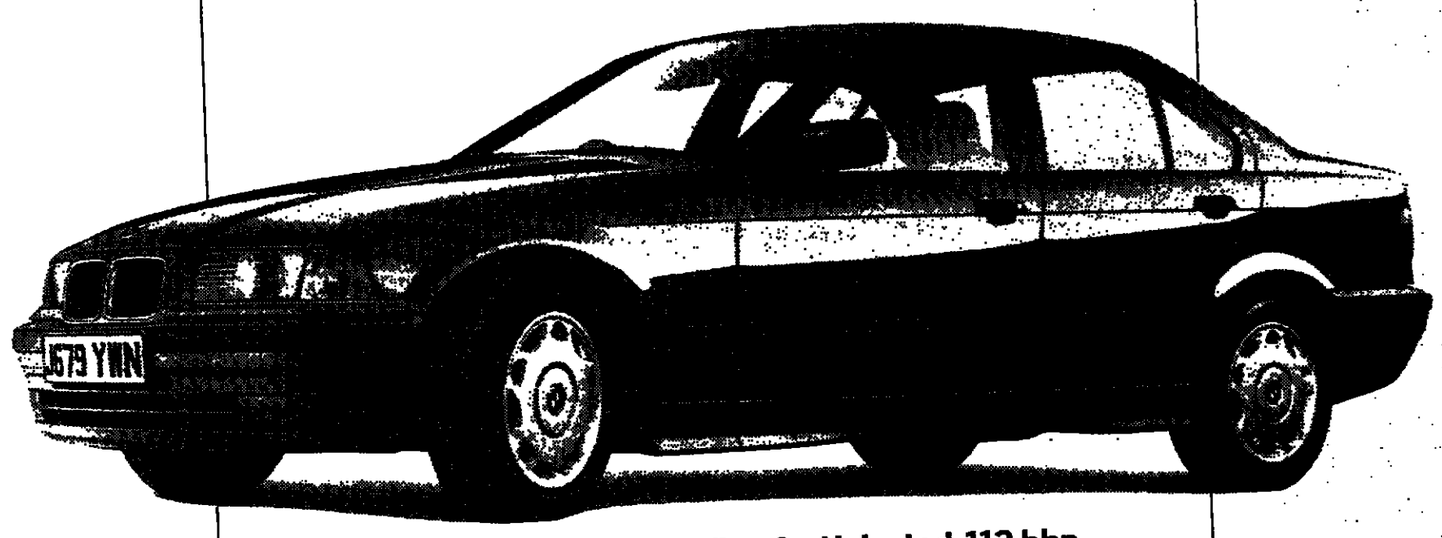
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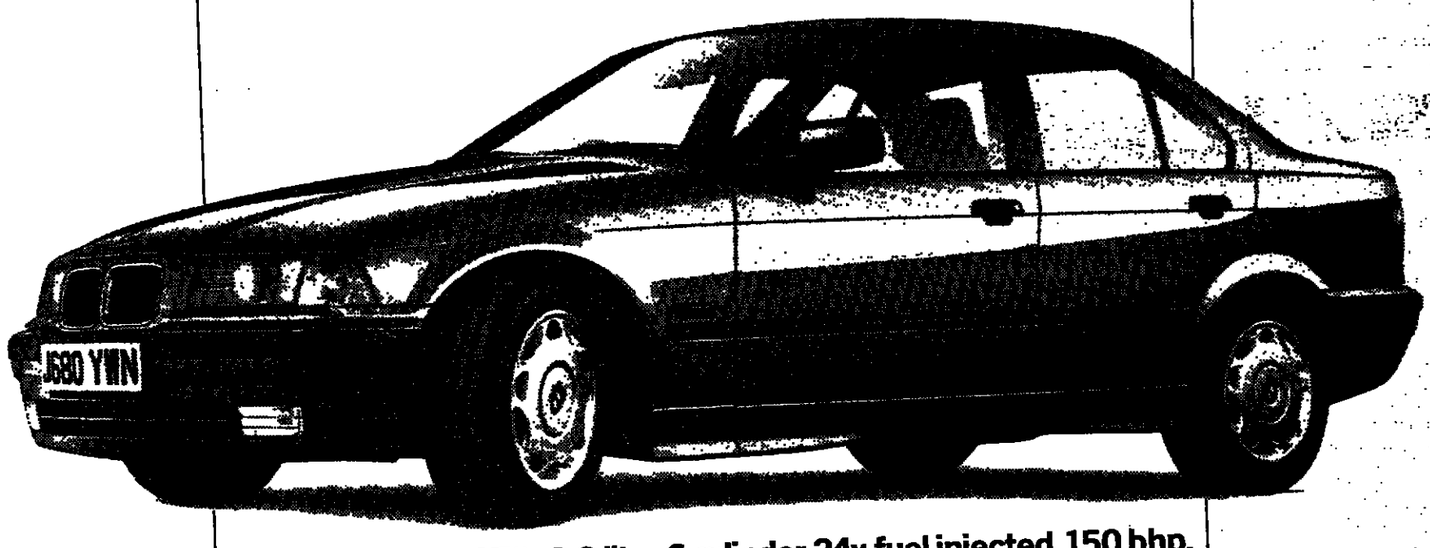
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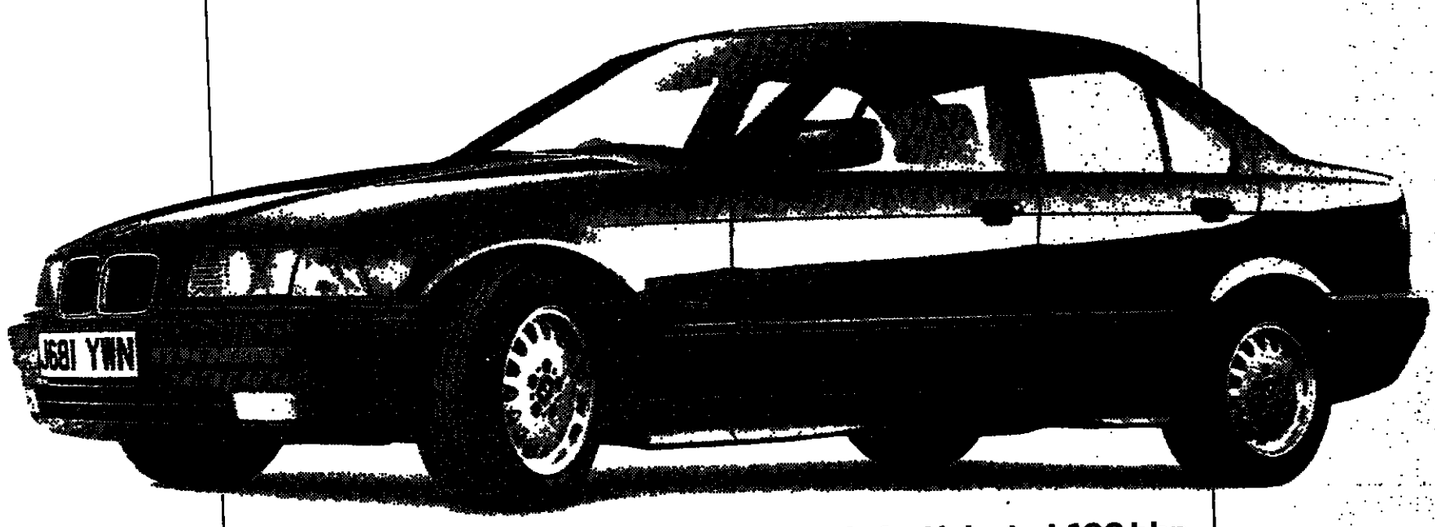
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Chairman offers to quit after cruelty allegation

Quorn hunt masters suspended over film

By LIN JENKINS

LORD Crawshaw, chairman of the Quorn hunt, which is regularly patronised by the Prince of Wales, has offered to resign and two masters have been suspended over allegations of unfairly hunting a fox.

The suspensions came after the hunt's committee watched a video film said to have been secretly shot in Leicestershire by a member of the League Against Cruel Sports. The film allegedly shows the Quorn contravening the Master of Foxhounds Association rules by letting hounds kill a fox after the animal had been pulled from its earth by a terrierman. In direct contravention of rule 1(a), the animal is said to have been let loose and hounds called to it.

Rad Thomas, a member of the hunt committee, said it had seen only 11 minutes of a film which it understood to be considerably longer. He said if it was authentic, what was shown was in contravention of the sport's governing rules.

"The committee admits a degree of culpability to the allegations made. We attach the highest priority to the correction of the undesirable situation that has arisen," he said.

Joss Hanbury, the senior master of the hunt, which is based in Melton Mowbray, and joint master Barry Hercock, who was hunting hounds on the day in question, have been suspended. A decision on their futures will be taken within the next week when the committee meets to decide a number of issues, including whether to accept the resignation of Lord Crawshaw, who, although chairman for about a decade, has not recently ridden to hounds.



Hercock: joint master who is now suspended

The allegations have fuelled the heated debate over hunting, which gets a further airing at the annual meeting of the National Trust tomorrow when seven anti-hunting campaigners stand for election to the trust's council.

At last year's meeting opponents of hunting won a resolution banning deer hunting on trust land and narrowly lost a similar motion concerning fox hunting.

The Quorn is meeting as usual this morning, as it does four days a week throughout the season. The remaining two joint masters, appointed this season, are not facing disciplinary procedures.

Mr Thomas said a new code of practice governing the use of terriers and digging was to be drawn up.

"The Quorn hunt will enact its own new strict code of practice to eliminate cruelty or unnecessary suffering associated with the limited use of terriers or digging," he said.

Rule 1(a) of the Masters of Foxhounds Association rules book leaves little room for interpretation. It states: "When a fox is run to ground, the master must decide what is to be done. If the decision is that the fox be killed, it must be humanely destroyed before being given to the hounds."

During cub hunting some culling often takes place with the shooting of some foxes which have run to ground.

The association's committee is also to watch the film and consider the allegations against the Quorn. Members will decide whether any rules have been breached and if action should be taken.

National police agency proposed

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE setting up of a national police agency to investigate serious domestic and international crime, organise technical services and train senior police commanders was proposed last night by Sir John Wheeler, chairman of the Commons select committee on home affairs.

The agency, overseen by a board responsible to Parliament, would be run by an officer with the rank of deputy commissioner in the Metropolitan Police. It would either recruit its own staff or draw them on secondment from forces. All Special Branch officers would work for the agency, which would also have responsibility for criminal records and include regional crime squads. Sir John, delivering the 1991 James Smart lecture in the City of London, said police authorities should be replaced by boards of trustees drawn from local councils.

He proposed that provincial policing should concentrate on greater links between local commanders and their communities. That would mean more devolved powers from force headquarters. Sir John said he thought that Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, was wrong to rule out reform. Sir John's ideas are said to have been canvassed in Whitehall and to have won support. They might be influential as the government plans its election manifesto.

JULIAN HERBERT



Metal work: in the shifting light of dawn, it might be mistaken for the stock and trigger of an antique firearm. But the latest and largest steel sculpture of Sir Anthony Caro, seen here being erected on the quayside at Poole harbour, Dorset, is more a beacon than a blunderbuss (Alan Hamilton writes). The 40ft abstract creation, entitled *Sea Music*, will serve as a landmark for shipping entering the port and will incorporate observation platforms to give landlubbers an elevated view to sea. The dark blue painted object, commissioned by Poole arts council, was made at a local steel yard and will be formally unveiled on November 22. Lost mariners making for Southampton who sail into Poole by mistake will be left in no doubt that they are in the wrong place

Unionists break ranks over wrecking tactic

Some unionists feel the time has come to say yes to abandoning the politics of saying no, **Edward Gorman** reports

FOR the first time since the failure of the Brooke talks in July, divisions have emerged in unionist ranks over the future for Northern Ireland, the implications of government policy and the way forward for unionist policy.

The debate is one which will be welcomed in London and Dublin by critics of unionists who were dismayed by what they saw as the wrecking tactics of unionist leaders during the talks and the subsequent lack of dissent within unionist ranks about the way the initiative was handled.

The debate began with a speech by Jim Molyneaux, Ulster Unionist party leader, to his party conference last weekend in which he made clear that unionists were winning the argument at last and had finally convinced London of the justness of their case.

He took his cue from recent sympathetic speeches by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. He argued that the union was getting stronger and that years of policy which gave nationalists an unwarranted prominence were at an end.

This provoked an exceptionally honest and sober public response from Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, who said that he respectfully disagreed utterly with the central thesis of Mr Molyneaux's speech.

Mr Robinson said it was about time unionists faced up to the fact that the union of Northern Ireland and Great Britain was to all intents and purposes finished. He cited the southerly direction of British policy and the overwhelming influence of Dublin in the affairs of Northern Ireland through the Anglo-Irish agreement, an influence which now far outstripped that of unionists. Mr Robinson proposed immediate talks with the government to elicit whether the union was irretrievably lost.

This was followed by an angry outburst from Reg Empey, one of Mr Molyneaux's UUP colleagues and a former mayor of Belfast, who is considered one of the more liberal members of that party.

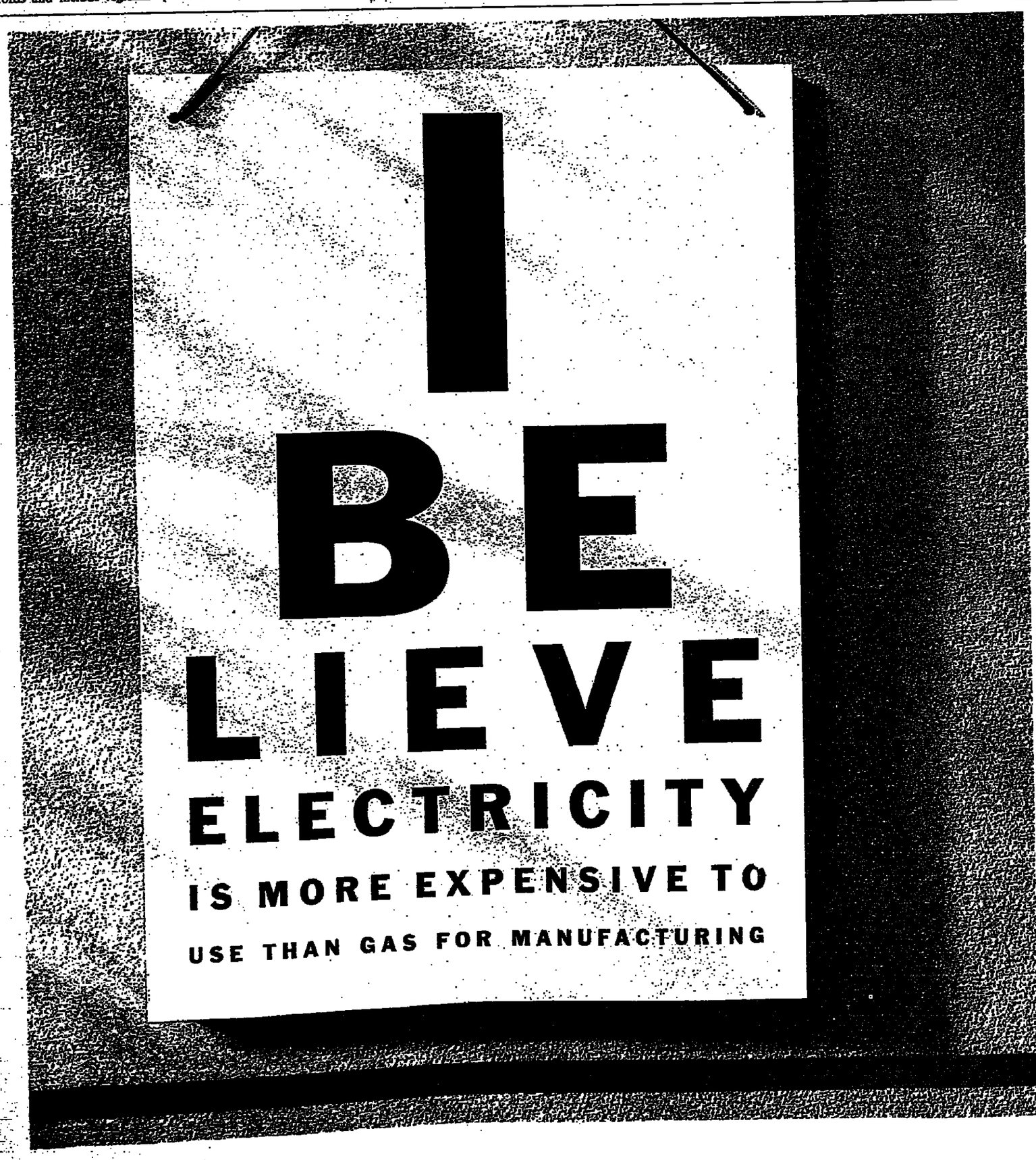
He accused Mr Robinson of encouraging the IRA. "When will [unionists] realise that talk of 'the union no longer existing in any worthwhile or recognisable form' as Mr Robinson suggests is an open invitation for all anti-unionist elements to make one last effort to lead us to break the union," Mr Empey said.

"We all acknowledge and accept that since the Anglo-Irish agreement was signed, and even long before, those elements opposed to the union have been given great influence, but even they will have to accept that they have so far failed to break the principal rock on which the union stands — the will of unionists to maintain it."

Mr Robinson yesterday dismissed what he called Mr Empey's dangerous naivety and complacency, saying Mr Empey could not face the truth of the unionist predicament.

Mr Robinson struck many independent observers as having made a politically courageous statement, reflecting what many see as the reality that unionists have been losing ground for years.

There are unionists, especially in Mr Molyneaux's party, who privately agree with Mr Robinson. Some of those argue that the time has long since come for unionists to exchange the politics of saying "no" for serious negotiation with Dublin for the first time. In their view, it is by taking only this course that further damage to the union can be avoided.



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Prone position increases risk

Health chief reverses cot death advice

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BABIES should be placed on their backs or sides to sleep, rather than face down, to reduce the risks of cot death, Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical officer, said yesterday.

Dr Calman issued new advice based on recommendations from a group of experts who studied recent research from New Zealand which linked the prone sleeping position with a higher risk of sudden infant death.

The rate of such cot deaths was halved in New Zealand after a campaign that urged parents to put babies to sleep on their sides or backs. About 1,400 cot deaths a year are recorded in Britain.

Until now, official advice has been to place infants in the prone position. Dr Calman said yesterday: "Babies in hospital requiring special care and, on medical advice, certain other babies, may need to be nursed on their tummies.

"Once a baby becomes able to roll over on its own to a new position, there is no reason to try to stop it taking up any position it prefers." There was no evidence that placing healthy babies on their backs would increase the risks of death from choking or vomiting.

Health department scientists are currently investigating the theory that some babies lying prone might be endangered by inhaling micro-organisms in the mattresses of their cots. This follows a study conducted six months ago by the department into the hypothesis that deadly toxic gases could emanate from fungal growths in mattresses.

The study did not support the idea, but parents were advised that a new mattress should be provided for every new child in the family.

Sleeping position was just one of many factors, Dr Calman said. Parents should keep babies warm, but not over-heated, away from tobacco smoke and in well-ventilated rooms.

"Most importantly, if a baby seems unwell seek medical advice early and quickly."

The advice was endorsed yesterday by the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, a medical charity, whose leaflet, *Reducing the Risks of Cot Death*, is available from the foundation at 35 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB.

JULIAN HERBERT



Flocking to help: Richard Lord shepherds sheep released onto the South Downs at Mill Hill, near Shoreham-by-Sea, in West Sussex in a pioneering experiment aimed at preventing further deterioration of the traditional chalk grassland, once found in abundance from Salisbury Plain to the Yorkshire Wolds. The first 18 sheep are on loan from a farm run by nearby Lancing College and will be cared for by Mr Lord, countryside officer for the Adur Valley Project, which is being sponsored by the Countryside Commission and the Sports Council in conjunction with the local district council (Michael Hornsby writes).

"The land was bought by the council from a local farmer in the Seventies and has not been regularly grazed for at least 20 years," Mr Lord said. "It is already getting overgrown and starting to lose its conservation value and in another 20 years would have become dense scrub." Ninety-five per cent of the chalk grassland on the South Downs has been destroyed by intensive agriculture over the past 40 years. Much of the land has been ploughed up or sown with high-yielding grass varieties that crowd out the wide diversity of wild flowers and butterflies peculiar to downland. Mr Lord said: "This area of about 25 acres, which we hope will be declared a nature reserve, is typical of what is left of unimproved downland.

"It was too steep to plough and the farmer could not afford to graze it. Grazing was the dominant practice on the downs for hundreds of years and is the best way of conserving the flora and fauna."

Soldier killed in gun game

A British soldier stationed in Belize killed himself playing Russian roulette, an inquest in Rochdale, Lancashire, was told yesterday. Corporal Ian Holt, aged 28, of Heywood, Greater Manchester, died when he put a revolver in his mouth and the hammer struck the only chamber out of six to contain a bullet.

The court was told that Corporal Holt was playing Russian roulette with one of his best friends, William Reyes, who had pulled the trigger twice on himself without striking a bullet.

The coroner, Bryan North, recorded a verdict of accidental death. He said: "It was a mad game, a foolish prank and an act of crass folly which had deprived a family of a loving father and the army of an experienced soldier." All the rules of handling weapons had been ignored, and it "beggared belief" that the two men were experienced soldiers, he said.

Man broke into prison

A former inmate of Kirkham prison, Lancashire, broke into the jail to visit his old cellmates, Lytham magistrates were told yesterday. Mike Shaw, aged 22, of Lytham, yanked out the bars on a window after the inmates refused to open a fire escape to let him in.

Malcolm Cartwright, for the defence, said that Shaw had been drinking. "The more he drank, the more attractive the proposition became of visiting his former prison to see old friends," he said. Shaw was fined £50 after admitting damaging prison property, and was ordered to pay £60 costs and compensation.

Solent sewage

About 150,000 tons of raw sewage was pumped into a stream feeding into the Solent, after a fire in a pumping station raised the risk of the sewage backing up into the streets of Totton, near Southampton.

Nose sewn back

Surgeons have stitched back a girl's nose after it was bitten off by a dobermann pinscher. Deborah Wilkinson, aged 13, of Rowrah, Cumbria, was savaged as she played with the dog.

Naval cheats

Five young officers have been dismissed from the navy after cheating in honours degree examinations at the navy Engineering College at Manadon, near Plymouth.

Adolf hitter

Anthony Williams, aged 32, of Inverness, was ordered by York magistrates to pay £250 to repair a waxwork of Adolf Hitler after he admitted knocking its head off.

Plane accident

An American Airlines Boeing 767 was damaged after hitting a passenger jetty at Heathrow as it pulled up after a flight from Miami. Nobody was hurt.

Shoplifting call

Police in Coventry are asking parents to turn in their shoplifting children. If they do so, the children will "probably" not be prosecuted.

For sale: a £14m glasshouse

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THE government is seeking a buyer for an enormous £14 million glass and steel building which will house the British pavilion at next year's Expo in Seville.

Unless someone can be found to take over the building, which is bigger than Wembley stadium and has one wall consisting of what is claimed to be the world's biggest waterfall, it will be demolished and sold for scrap.

The building, designed by Nicholas Grimshaw, has swallowed up the lion's share of £25 million invested by the trade and industry department in Expo, which begins in April. The department is anxious to recoup as much as possible by selling the building when the exhibition ends next October.

"All sorts of ideas have been put forward for bringing it back to Britain and making it a permanent feature here," the department said yesterday. "The trouble is, it will cost as much again to dismantle and rebuild. We would therefore ideally like to sell it on site."

So far nobody has been found prepared to pay for the hall, which was modelled on the original Crystal Palace concept but into which all the latest building design features have been installed. Many of the other pavilions have found buyers who want to set up in what the organisers hope will become Europe's scientific research centre after the exhibitors have moved out.

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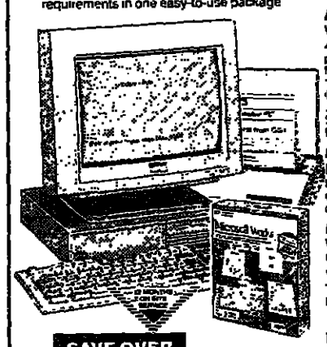
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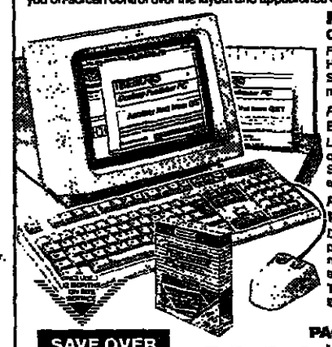
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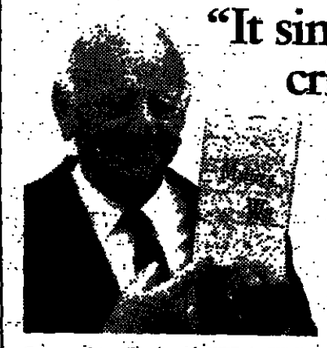
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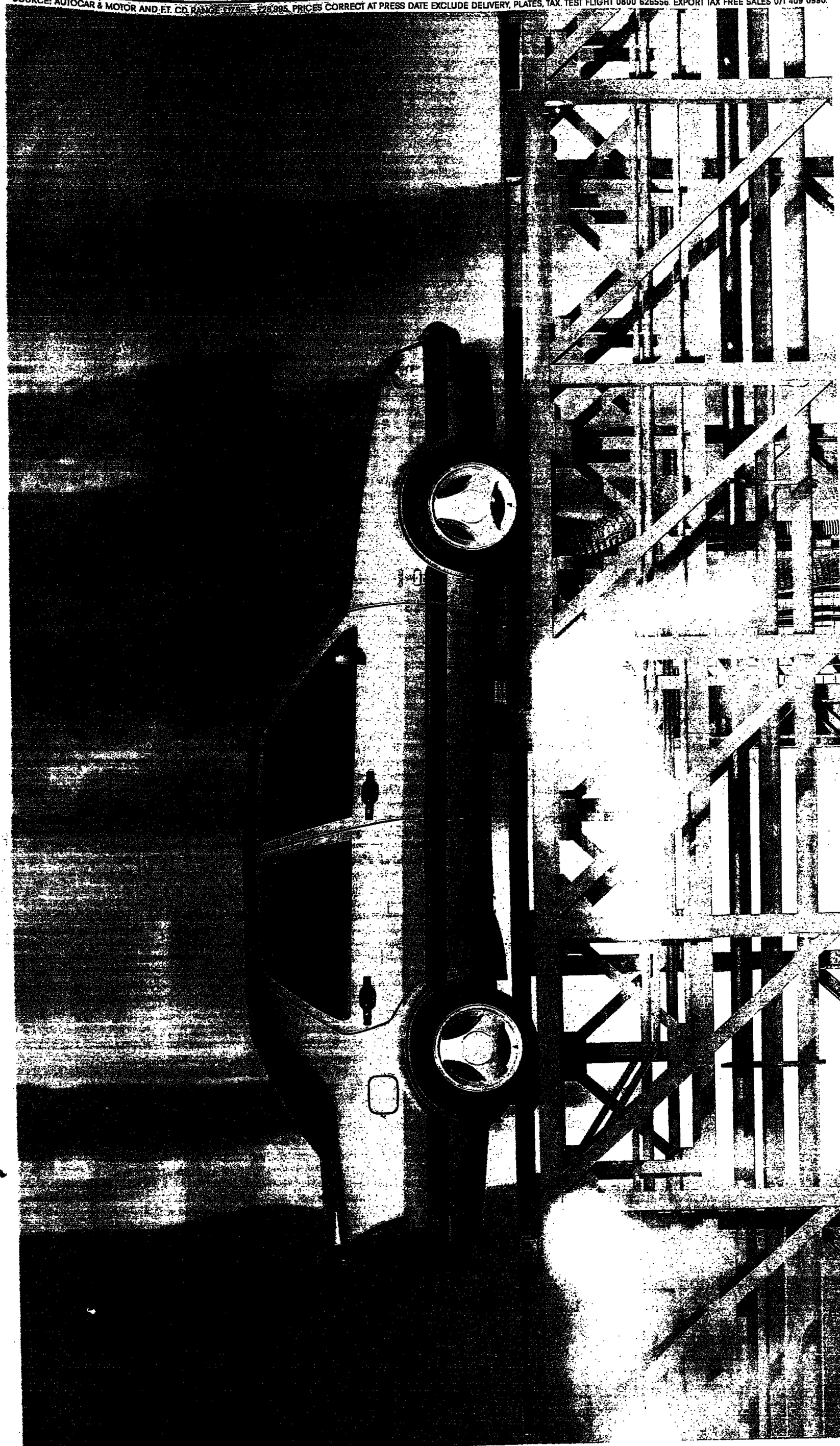
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Major attempts to reassure MPs on Maastricht deal

By ROBERT MORGAN AND PETER MULLIGAN

JOHN Major sought yesterday to reassure MPs that any deal he signed at the Maastricht summit in December would be in the interests of Britain and acceptable to the House of Commons.

On the opening day of the six-day debate on the Queen's Speech, the prime minister made clear that Britain will not be rushed into a single currency. Although there was some way to go before there could be an agreement on economic and monetary union, discussions had shown that it was possible to thrash out a sensible position by negotiation.

Political union, he said, also raised diverse and difficult issues. "At Maastricht the issues may not be laid out in black and white. There will be hard judgements to be made. The crucial judgement for the government to make will be to determine what is in the best interest of Britain and acceptable to this House."

He announced that there is to be a two-day debate in the Commons on November 20 and 21 when he, the foreign secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer would set out the issues at stake and where Britain's interests lay.

Mr Major said that Britain belonged in the mainstream of Europe and must be at the heart of the Community. "We cannot dictate what our children will make of the Community, but we must leave them in a position where they can effectively influence the shape of Europe and that Europe must be one in which we retain our distinct national identity."

The inter-governmental conferences ra[illegible] vital issues. They involv[illegible] hard judgements of w[illegible] Britain's interest fo[illegible]

"On [illegible]omic and monetary ar[illegible], it would be irresponsible for any government to ask the people to decide now that we should adopt at a future date a single European currency which will have far-reaching implications for the conduct of monetary and economic policy. A move to a single currency which was not backed up by convergence between the economies of the member states of the Community would be a recipe for economic disaster. That is not in the interests of this country or Europe."

He added: "I am not prepared to commit our country now to a single currency. We must be able to judge nearer the time — Parliament must judge nearer the time — whether a single currency is in the interests of Britain. We should not achieve what is best for Britain or the Community by giving up now our right to independent judgement then."

DEBATE

Political union also raised difficult issues, Mr Major said. They included defence and foreign policy as well as the powers of the European parliament, the Commission and the European court. He suggested that the powers of the parliament might be extended to give it greater control over the Commission, poiting out that commissioners now were answerable only to the Commission and the Commission answerable to nobody.

At the start of the debate, Neil Kinnock came under strong pressure to state his precise stance on economic and monetary union and on a single currency.

The Opposition leader said: "It is to secure the best possible deal for Britain in the knowledge that there is a process under way in the EC which, as it moves towards its conclusion, holds danger for any country that chooses to be left outside that process."

He added: "We will not let the British people be left outside..." He was then further pressed by Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said Labour had accused the government of not being positive enough about a single currency. What was Labour prepared to commit Britain to that the Tories were not?

Mr Kinnock said that the government had sought no undertaking on regional, growth and employment policies. "Unless it does pursue those kind of policies, again and not for the first time in history, the Tory party would be taking us naked into the conference [chamber]."

Elsewhere in his speech, he accused ministers of fearing to face the electorate and said that the Queen's Speech was not a programme for the future. It was "a paint job" over the past — an attempt to cover over the injustices of ministers' own making.

He added: "They will not succeed. The people remember too well the damage that has been done to them."

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Kinnock: under pressure to state his position

Council measure faces instant debate guillotine

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND DOUGLAS BROOM

LOCAL CASH

THE government's determination to push through the new council tax with all speed was confirmed last night with the disclosure that it is considering the introduction of an immediate guillotine to cover the detailed work on the bill.

Senior ministers made plain that they want to give local authorities as much time as possible to plan for the introduction of the tax on April 1, 1993, and are looking to get it through by the end of the present financial year next March.

In a highly unusual move, it could table a guillotine motion restricting the entire committee stage of the bill after the second reading debate in two weeks time. There are plans for the committee to sit on Wednesdays as well as the usual Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for the sittings to start in the mornings and continue late into the night.

The detailed arrangements for scrutiny of the bill are to be the subject of further consultations between the two front benches. It appeared last night, however, that only a promise from Labour to co-operate on the bill, which will not be forthcoming, could prevent the stringent timetable being introduced.

The government has given itself six months to convince the voters that council tax is a fair and workable alternative to the poll tax. Accordingly, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, will publish the local government finance bill this morning.

At the same time, a second bill will usher in the biggest reform of local government since 1974 by creating a new commission to abolish one of the two tiers of local government outside London and the metropolitan areas.

In addition, the bill will *require councils to contract* out the work of many of their white-collar departments and give the Audit Commission the power to publish league tables of local authority performance.

But it will be the first bill that will draw the heaviest fire from the Opposition. Labour has promised to fight it line by line in the Commons.

The attack will centre on the fairness of the eight price bands into which properties will be grouped and the complex system of rebates for poor people proposed under the new tax. The incomes of everyone at an address can be taken into account.

Leading place for education

By JOHN O'LEARY
HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE COMMONS

TWO bills will ensure that education retains a high profile in the run-up to the general election.

Although Labour is prepared to give a clear path to proposals to allow polytechnics to become universities, there will be strong resistance to a new system of school inspections, and the removal of further education and sixth form colleges from local authorities.

The further and higher education bill will be introduced in the Lords on Monday to speed its progress through Parliament. Polytechnics are anxious to adopt university titles for the next academic year, but extended debate on further education could cause a year's delay if an early general election intervenes.

The bill to enforce the Parent's Charter, making the publication of league tables of schools' performance a legal requirement and opening the inspection of schools to private agencies, will have its first reading in the Commons later in the week. Her Majesty's Inspectorate, which will regulate the new system, will be halved as a result.

Queen's Speech emphasises defence, EC and economy

TEXT OF SPEECH

The Queen's Speech at the state opening yesterday of the last session of the present Parliament was as follows:

I look forward to visiting Australia in February, the European parliament and the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and Malta next May, France in June and Germany in October.

My government attach the highest importance to maintaining our security. For nearly half a century Nato has formed the cornerstone of our defences. It will continue to be the principal focus, but the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact and the other welcome developments in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe permit changes to Nato's strategy and will enable us to maintain our security with smaller forces.

Nevertheless, instability and other risks remain in Europe and elsewhere, and substantial and effective nuclear and conventional forces will be maintained. The United Kingdom will work for balanced and verifiable arms control agreements, including early ratification of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty. Efforts will continue to control the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and to encourage greater international responsibility in the transfer of conventional weapons. The completion of multilateral negotiations on the abolition of chemical weapons will be pursued.

My government will require full, unconditional compliance by Iraq with the United Nations Security Council resolutions, including the disposal of its missiles and weapons of mass destruction. They will press for long-term peace in the Middle East, including a settlement of the Palestinian problem. They will continue their efforts to secure the release of hostages in the Middle East.

They will continue to work for a stronger, more effective United Nations.

My government will, with our Community partners, pursue the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

Within the Community, they will continue to play a constructive role in the two inter-governmental conferences on political union and economic and monetary union; and will work to complete the single European market, to promote budgetary discipline, and to reform the common agricultural policy.

They will prepare for the United Kingdom's presidency of the Community beginning on July 1, 1992.

The United Kingdom will continue to develop our good relations with the Soviet Union and its republics, and to encourage their integration into the world economy; and will work to help Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania re-establish themselves in the international community.

My government will further encourage the development of democratic institutions and market economies in central and Eastern Europe; and pursue the completion of association agreements with Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia. They hope for a peaceful settlement in Yugoslavia. They will contribute constructively to the Helsinki Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

My government will encourage all sides in South Africa to pursue peaceful means of constructing a democratic, non-racial society.

A substantial aid programme aimed at promoting sustainable economic and social progress and good government in developing countries will be maintained.

My government will continue to support the Commonwealth.

My government will continue to administer Hong Kong in the interests of its people and to co-operate with China in implementing the Sino-British joint declaration.

My government will continue their fight against terrorism in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. They will vigorously pursue their policies to combat drug trafficking and misuse of drugs, nationally and internationally.

The United Kingdom will work for a successful United Nations conference on environment and development next June.

Members of the House of Commons, estimates for the public service will be laid before you.

My Lords and members of the House of Commons, my government will pursue, within the framework of the exchange rate mechanism, firm financial policies designed to reduce inflation further and maintain the conditions necessary for sustained growth. They will promote enterprise and training and improve the working of the economy. They will continue to prepare for the privatisation of the British Railways Board and the British Coal Corporation.

They will maintain firm control of public spending with the aim of keeping its share of national income on a downward trend over time. My government attach the highest priority to improving public services. They will implement the programme of reform in the White Paper on the Citizen's Charter, including bringing forward charters for individual public services.

Legislation will be introduced to reinforce the regulation of privatised utilities.

Legislation will be introduced to provide for a new council tax, to establish a review of local government structure in England, and to enhance competitive tendering for local authority services.

Action will be taken to improve quality and choice in education. Legislation will be introduced to reform funding of further education and sixth form colleges and to reform higher education in England and Wales, and to make information available about the performance of individual schools.

My government will continue to develop policies to enhance the nation's health and to improve the effectiveness of the health and social services, and the social security system.

Work for the regeneration of our cities will continue.

A bill will be introduced to enable applications for asylum in the United Kingdom to be dealt with quickly and effectively. A bill will be presented to create an offence of prison mutiny and to increase the maximum penalty for aiding prisoners to escape. Legislation will be introduced to revise health and safety arrangements for offshore installations. A bill will be introduced to replace private legislation as the means for authorising transport development schemes. A bill will be introduced to provide for a Cardiff Bay barrage.

For Scotland, legislation will be introduced to reform further and higher education.

In Northern Ireland, my government will resolutely seek to defeat terrorism through the even-handed and energetic enforcement of the law; to promote political progress; to strengthen the economy; and to create equality of opportunity and equity of treatment for all sections of the community. They will maintain positive relations with the Republic of Ireland.

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Plans to halt 'racket' on immigration anger Labour

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

HOME OFFICE

PROPOSALS to curb what ministers believe is a rampant immigration racket form the crux of the asylum bill, widely seen as the most controversial of the legislative packages of the new parliamentary session.

The bill, spurred by a tenfold increase in asylum applications to the Home Office over the past three years, has already triggered Labour accusations that the Tories want to play the "race card" during the election. Ministers, however, believe the proposals will be widely seen as a fair and sensible response to a pan-European problem and that Labour risks shooting itself in the foot by opposing them.

Last night it emerged that the government wants to give priority to the bill to ensure that it becomes law before the election. Government business managers hope that it will be ready to be referred to the Lords by Christmas.

The logic underpinning the bill is that thousands of bogus political refugees get round the asylum rules each year simply because of the Home Office's inefficiency in dealing with the mountain of applications. The planned remedy centres on the recruitment of 760 extra civil servants to speed the processing of applications, the creation of a fast-track appeals procedure for "clearly unfounded" cases and the compulsory fingerprinting of claimants.

In addition, more stringent passenger checks will be carried out at airports and seaports in countries traditionally producing many bogus claimants. As part of the same drive, the government in August doubled, from £1,000 to £2,000, the fines payable by carriers bringing into Britain passengers with incorrect travel documents.

In a balancing move, the bill will propose that applicants refused refugee status should have the right to appeal against the ruling before being removed from Britain.

Numbers of asylum applications increased from 5,000 in 1988 to 15,000 in 1989 and about 30,000 last year. The past few months have seen a slight slowing in the rate of increase, but officials still expect to receive 45,000 claims by the year's end. The influx of refugees into other West European countries in recent years has also been large, with about 200,000 applications in Germany last year and 56,000 in France.

Refugee support groups say that the bill is fundamentally misconceived and will make an already unjust screening process worse.

For Labour, however, the bill presents more difficulty because many of its MPs accept privately that the sharp expansion in refugee movements cannot be put down to more violations of the 1951 United Nations refugee convention, which compels signatory countries to provide safe havens for people fleeing political, ethnic or religious persecution. However, front-bench sources made plain last night that the party would oppose the legislation.

The Asylum Rights Campaign, an umbrella organisation formed recently to fight the bill, said "undue hurry" in the screening process could lead to "persecuted people being returned to face the dangers they fled".

'Lost bills' provide room to manoeuvre

DELAYED PLANS

Philip Webster outlines the bills omitted from this session

SEVERAL important bills were left out of yesterday's Queen's Speech to give John Major as much flexibility as possible over the timing of the general election.

Senior ministers admitted that the programme would have been much larger had they been planning on a full session. It is clear that they also wanted to avoid a surfeit of contentious measures in the run-up to polling, and to save some eye-catching promises for the manifesto. Ministers said that there were 12 to 15 legislative candidates that failed to make it.

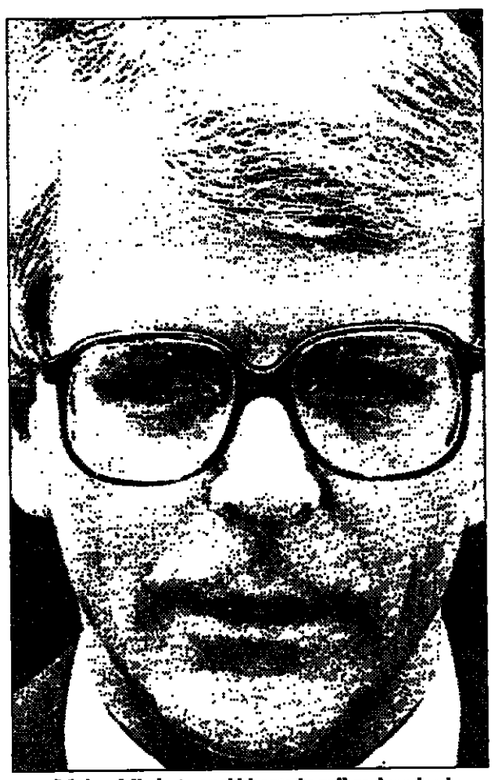
Even some of the dozen announced yesterday could be lost in the rush if Mr Major decides to go to the country early next year. The bill that must go through is the one abolishing the poll tax and replacing it with the council tax.

Perhaps the most important omission was the bill that had been expected until quite recently paving the way for the privatisation of the rail and coal industries. With local government finance and asylum bills in the list, ministers appear to have decided that there is quite enough hotly disputed legislation for what may be only a five-month session. It also suggests that Mr Major will avoid haste in selling off the two biggest remaining state industries.

In an interview yesterday, Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, admitted that the full privatisation of British Rail would not be achieved in the lifetime of the next parliament. The complicated detailed work on preparing coal for the private sector is far from complete.

Privatisation of the two industries will form a central plank of the Conservative election manifesto. Most of the other bills that did not make it yesterday will be held over for the manifesto. They include the much vaunted legislation on "commonhold" to give the owners of flats in large blocks the statutory right to buy their freeholds, and greater powers to control and manage their homes. As recently as July it was being predicted as a likely candidate for the Queen's Speech. Another housing bill that has dropped off the end of the list is that pioneering a "rents into mortgage" scheme to enable more housing tenants to buy their own homes.

Proposals by Michael Howard, the employment secretary, for another raft of trade union reforms, including compulsory cooling off periods, were always more likely to be manifesto rather final-programme contenders. More surprising was the absence yesterday of any reference to the home secretary's plan unveiled at the Blackpool conference to create a new offence of joyriding. Ministers say that the idea has not been dropped and appear to be hoping that a backbencher high in the ballot for private members' legislation will try to get it enacted.



Major: Likely to avoid haste in rail and coal sale

Charity checks hailed

By RUTH GLEDHILL

CHARITIES

LAWYERS and charities welcomed the decision to introduce a bill to improve the supervision of charities. The move heralds the first important legislation in the area since the Charities Act 1960. The bill is likely to include increased powers for the Charity Commission and other action to prevent abuse.

Charities have been pressing for improvements in the framework for charity regulation for more than five years. Andrew Phillips, a leading charity lawyer, said: "This has been long awaited. When enacted, it is thought it will improve the working and oversight of charities."

The bill is unlikely to include measures on political activity or question the definition of charity. Charities expect the bill to exclude people with convictions for theft, fraud or forgery from becoming charity trustees, require charities to submit annual accounts to the commission and to give it wider powers against fraud.

Pledge to improve rig safety

By SHEILA GUNN AND KERRY GILL

OIL INDUSTRY

THE offshore safety bill, to be published next week, will fulfil the government's promise to tighten up safety on North Sea oil and gas rigs after the death of 167 men in the Piper Alpha disaster in July 1988.

Although the legislation is expected to have a smooth passage, Labour will attempt to stiffen some of the conditions on energy companies and extend the rights of trade union members working on offshore installations.

The Lord Advocate, Lord Fraser, is known to have privately criticised the existing penalties for breaches of safety regulations on oil rigs as trivial. The Scottish sheriffs' courts are expected to be given the power to impose heavy new penalties for future offences. The bill enacts 17 of the 113 recommendations made by the Scottish judge, Lord Cullen.

In line with Lord Cullen's report the energy department handed over responsibility for oil rig safety to the Health and Safety Executive in April. However the legislation, to be brought in by employment ministers, is needed to give legal force to the executive's powers. Labour and the unions have long campaigned for the transfer.

Frank Doran, the shadow energy minister with responsibility for offshore safety, said: "We obviously welcome the legislation. My hope is that the government is intending to make the penalties a bit more appropriate for the North Sea and to bring in serious penalties for serious offences."

☐ The Cardiff Bay barrage bill will continue its passage through parliament this session, paving the way for the redevelopment of the derelict dockyards.

End of private bills may worsen delays

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

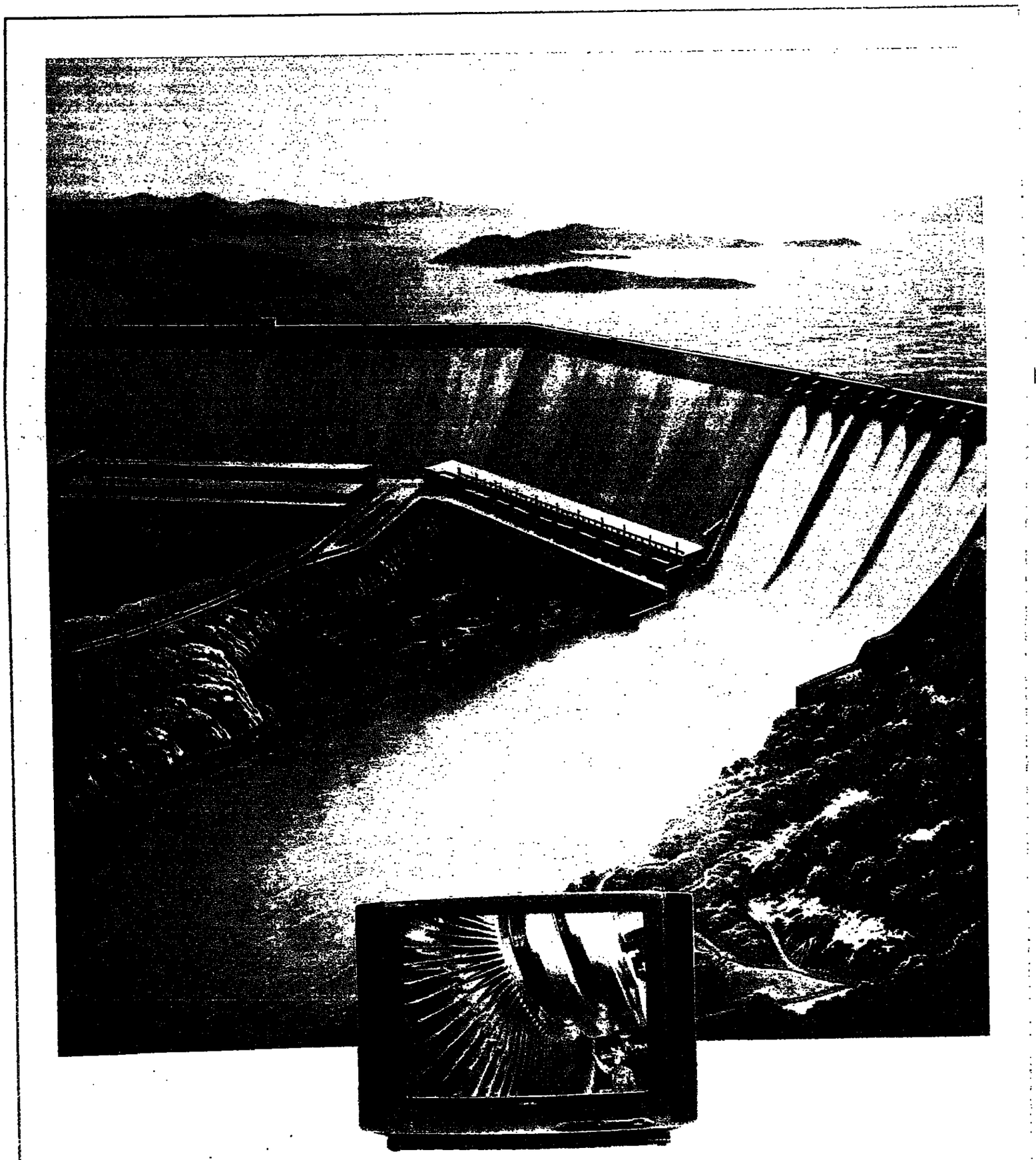
TRANSPORT

PROPOSALS outlined in the Queen's Speech to overhaul Parliament's antiquated private bill procedure could result in big delays to important transport projects.

The reforms are designed primarily to modernise the transport planning system and to reduce the sharp increase in the demands made on the parliamentary timetable by private bills. But by transferring much of the decision making from Parliament to the public enquiry, private bill promoters fear that the reforms will create additional delays and uncertainty.

Under the reforms, private bills will be replaced by a ministerial order-making procedure. Instead of securing parliamentary approval for small schemes, promoters will be required to obtain development approval by means of a public enquiry. In the case of big projects, the public enquiry will be preceeded by a debate in Parliament.

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Anglo-German EC talks

Major and Kohl work for common ground

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

JOHN Major will see Helmut Kohl in Bonn today to tell the German chancellor that Britain is ready, willing and even eager to sign treaties on European political and economic union at the Maastricht summit in December.

The meeting is unlikely to resolve any outstanding differences between Britain and Germany over the treaties, but by emphasising their personal commitment to reaching agreement, both leaders want to give a new impetus to the search for compromise.

For different reasons both men are anxious that the negotiations do not drag on into next year, when Portugal takes over as president of the European Community's Council of Ministers. Herr Kohl, who believes passionately in European unity, fears that the window of opportunity to achieve any change at all is closing.

With most Western and Eastern European countries hoping to become EC members by the end of the century, Herr Kohl is worried that the community could become little more than a large free trade area if the first moves to political union are not made now. He is also concerned that the re-emergence of nationalism across Europe will sap any resolve for union. But German officials recognise that the early ambitious plans will have to be scaled down to avoid a British veto.

Mr Major believes that Britain must be bound closely into Europe to ensure that Westminster is not sidelined by Brussels. He wants agreement in Maastricht so that he can present the union treaties as achievements to the electorate before the general election is held.

● **Rovigo, Italy** — Peter Kohl, aged 26, the son of Herr Kohl, was in a critical condition in hospital yesterday after his car crashed between Padua and Bolgna. *(Reuter)*

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Europeans close ranks to tackle immigration

From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN

INTERIOR ministers from 28 European states concluded a two-day conference in Berlin yesterday aimed at finding measures to halt the flood of illegal immigrants from Eastern Europe. They pledged to standardise border controls and increase surveillance of frontier crossings.

The ministers, including representatives from the EC countries, the Soviet Union, the Baltic states, Albania, and Austria, commited themselves to internationally organised action against illegal immigration networks. These provide forged identity and travel documents and smuggling routes for those trying to reach Western Europe without visas.

Wolfgang Schäuble, the German interior minister hosting the conference, admitted that the migration wave from Eastern Europe had caught the West ill-prepared. He dismissed the claim that the conference was a first step on the road to a "fortress Europe".

The main practical result of the talks will be stepped up co-operation in tightening border controls and rail and road crossings, to make them as stringent those at air and sea ports.

Yugoslav president breaks siege

From TIM JUDAH IN DUBROVNIK



Guarded tour: President Mesic, accompanied by armed security men, inspecting the damage in Dubrovnik

THUNDERING defiance on the steps of the baroque church of St Vlaho just inside the ramparts of the old city of Dubrovnik, President Mesic, the Yugoslav leader, said yesterday: "We could no longer stand by and watch while the werewolves and hyenas attacked ... we came to say to you that you were not alone. Together we will break the back of Serbian imperialism."

Mr Mesic, a Croat, was speaking only hours after he and about 800 other people had arrived in the besieged town after three days on the Adriatic. Mr Mesic had travelled on the ferry Slavija which led a flotilla of 28 assorted yachts, motor cruisers and pleasure steamers that entered Dubrovnik at dawn after innumerable delays, negotiations with the Yugoslav navy and a weapons search of every boat.

For the past month Dubrovnik has been without running water, electricity or fresh food. Although the walled city has suffered only minor damage so far, Montenegrin reserve units of the Yugoslav army have attacked its suburbs and surrounding villages with rockets, mortars and artillery and the navy has blockaded the port.

Despite the present ceasefire, officials said a mortar hit the harbour area soon after Mr Mesic had left for the town centre, injuring three people including a five-year-old boy. Mortar attacks were also reported at other locations.

Yesterday afternoon a Yugoslav plane wheeled over the town as if to remind Mr Mesic, technically the commander-in-chief of the Yugoslav armed forces, that he was visting only on the sufferance of the military high command. Mr Mesic, who stepped over a mortar crater to get to his car after disembarking from the Slavija, was cheered by 1,000 spectators.

Gianni De Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, said yesterday that the European Community aims to wind up The Hague peace conference on Yugoslavia by mid-December with a treaty that will recognise the independence of all those republics that want it, according to Reuter in Rome. He said that pending formal recognition, Italy was prepared to recognise the passports issued by Croatia and grant it credit to enable it to trade — something Rome has already done for Slovenia.

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Vote leaves Poles in state of flux

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

POLAND'S first fully free elections in more than 60 years have turned into a comedy of errors. Computer miscounts, inaccurate voting forecasts, the lowest turnout in Polish history on Sunday and a hasty offer by President Walesa to double as prime minister have thrown the country into confusion.

It is still impossible to determine who has won because of the complexities of a system which jumbles proportional representation with first-past-the-post voting. Although it seems certain that the Democratic Union will be the biggest party with Solidarity roots, and that it will take the lead in trying to form a coalition, almost everything else is in flux.

On election night, television forecasters with a track-record of accuracy said that the Democratic Union would secure 72 seats in parliament, 16 seats more than the former communists, the second largest party. This prompted a day of deep strategic thinking until it turned out that the two parties were level.

Mr Walesa tried to telephone Tadeusz Mazowiecki, leader of the Democratic Union, to see what kind of government could be worked out. But the operator did not recognise the president's voice and failed to put him through. Mr Mazowiecki had similar problems when he tried to ring Mr Walesa. The election commission, charged with counting the votes, was also running into problems. Nothing seemed to add up. The commission then owned up to a computer error.

For a brief moment on Tuesday night, it seemed as if the elections might have to be repeated. The turnout was just over 40 per cent, and it was plain that a second election would not drum up mass enthusiasm. The commission has since sorted things out. The seat allocation, though not the future shape of the government, is now clear.

Constitutional lawyers are baffled too, as they puzzle out the implications of Mr Walesa's suggestion that he serve as premier. Jerzy Ciemnewski, a legal expert, said Mr Walesa would have to stand up in parliament and present his own candidature for premier. Then, having won the vote, he would have to shake his own hand. Mr Ciemnewski also pointed out that, as prime minister, Mr Walesa could be sacked only on the initiative of the president – Mr Walesa.

"One thing is for sure," said Adam Michnik, the political commentator, yesterday. "Lech Walesa is the only potential premier who could count on the full support of the president."

Dancers refuse to show more for less

By ANNE MCELVOY

THE leggy, scantily clad dancers of the Friedrichstadtpalast, east Berlin's version of the Folies Bergère, are threatening to hang up their ostrich feathers in a dispute over privatisation plans, which they fear will force them to flash more flesh for not enough money.

The 80-strong troupe has said it will go on strike unless the city's senate agrees to a pay rise of 60 per cent, and a guarantee that it will be able to preserve its "artistic integrity" under capitalist conditions. The theatre has enjoyed a year's grace after German unification, but the senate has put it up for sale at 16 million marks (£5.4 million).

The dancers say their monthly salary of 1,400 marks is exploitative, and that they have been kept in the dark about the intentions of potential buyers. Eight offers have been received. "We have always offered popular ballet, not titillation," said Alexander Iljinskij, the theatre's artistic director. "We only show bosoms where they are an integral and tasteful part of the routine. I am afraid that there are some out there who would like to get their hands on us and who think that more bosoms equal bigger audiences."

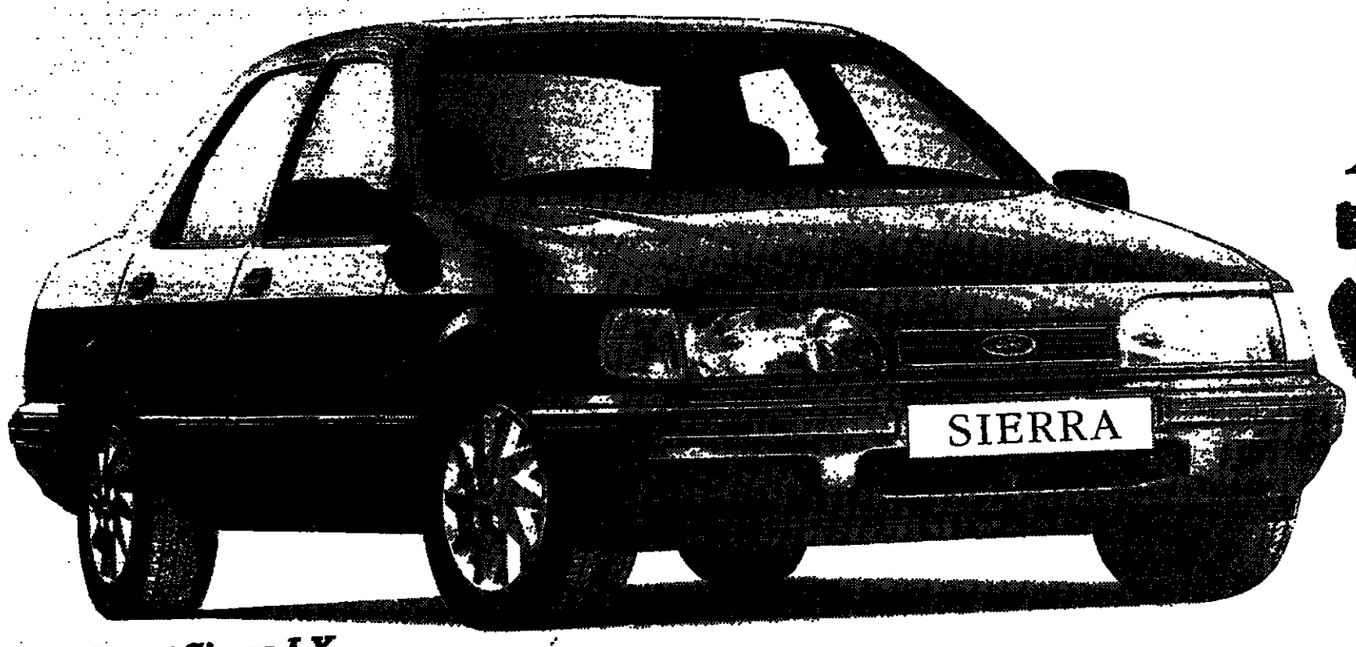
Not that the Friedrichstadtpalast is exactly short of bosoms. Founded in 1945, it was the East's only erotic revue and its dancing girls provided welcome relief to the didactic theatre which dominated the former East Berlin.

Nowadays you can sip Moët et Chandon at the late-night show, instead of the ghastly "Red Riding Hood" sparkling wine, which was the best vintage the old regime could offer. The audience is composed mainly of Westerners, as hard-up east Germans are unable to afford it. Even so, it is a sell-out, when other theatres are struggling.

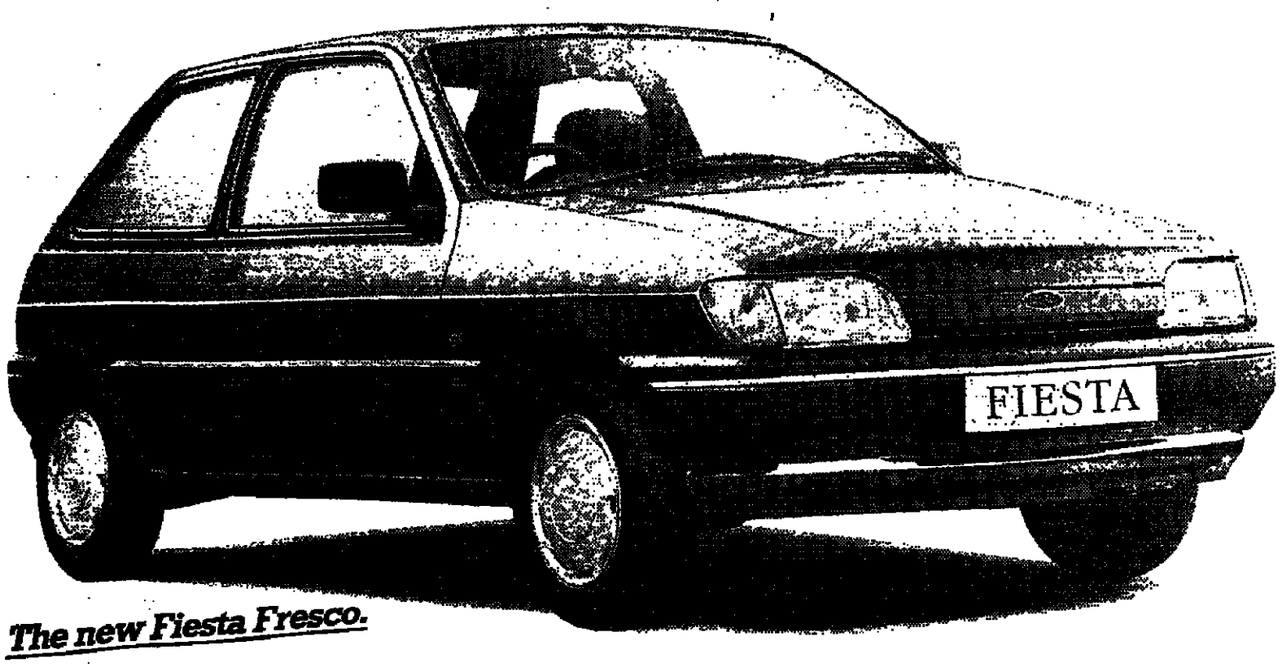
The troupe used to be strengthened by imports from fellow communist countries. It favours women about 6ft tall. "We had the pick of the eastern bloc's best legs," said Jens Mikat, the dance trainer. That privilege ended with the introduction of hard currency last year. Ten Western dancers have joined, but they have said that they will not stay without a substantial pay rise.

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'Show us you accept Israel'

The following are extracts of the address by Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister

THE people of Israel look to this palace with great anticipation and expectation. We pray that this meeting will mark the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the Middle East, that it will signal the end of hostility, violence, terror and war, that it will bring dialogue, accommodation, co-existence and — above all — peace.

We are the only people who have lived in the Land of Israel without interruption for nearly 4,000 years. We are the only people, except for a short crusader kingdom, who have had an

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independent sovereignty in this land. We are the only people for whom Jerusalem has been a capital. We are the only people whose sacred places are only in the Land of Israel.

For millennia our people repeated at every occasion the cry of the Psalmist: "If I forget thee, Jerusalem, may my right hand lose its cunning." For millennia we have encouraged each other with the greeting: "Next year in Jerusalem." For millennia our prayers, literature and folklore have expressed powerful longing to return to our land. Only *Eretz Yisrael*, the Land of Israel, is our true homeland.

Any other country, no matter how hospitable, is still a diaspora, a temporary station on the way home. The Zionist movement gave political expression to our claim to the Land of Israel. And in 1922, the League of Nations recognised the justice of this claim.

Regrettably, the Arab leaders, whose friendship we wanted most, opposed a Jewish state in the region. With a few distinguished exceptions, they claimed that the Land of Israel is part of the Arab domain that stretches from the Atlantic to the Persian Gulf.

In its declaration of independence on May 15, 1948, Israel stretched out its hand in peace to its Arab neighbours, calling for an end to war and bloodshed. In response seven Arab states invaded Israel.

We did not conquer a foreign land. We repulsed the Arab onslaught, prevented Israel's annihilation, declared its independence and established a viable state and government institutions within a very short time. Today's gathering is a result of sustained



Shamir: "renounce the jihad against Israel"

American effort, based on our own peace plan of May 1989 which, in turn, was founded on the Camp David accords. But nothing can be achieved without goodwill.

I appeal to the Arab leaders, those who are here and those who have not yet joined the process: show us and the world that you have accepted Israel's existence. Demonstrate your readiness to accept Israel as a permanent entity in the region. Let the people in our region hear you speak in the language of reconciliation, co-existence and peace with Israel. We would like to see in your countries an end to poisonous preachings against Israel. We would like to see an indication of the kind of hunger for peace which characterises Israeli society.

We appeal to you renounce the jihad against Israel. We appeal to you to denounce the PLO covenant which calls for Israel's destruction. We appeal to you to condemn declarations that call for Israel's annihilation, like the one issued by the rejectionist conference in Tehran last week. We appeal to you to let Jews, who wish to leave your countries, go. We are committed to negotiating without interruption until an agreement is reached. There will be problems, obstacles, crises and conflicting claims.

We are a nation of four million. The Arab nations from the Atlantic to the Gulf number 170 million. We control only 28,000 square kilometres (17,500 miles). The Arabs possess a land mass of 14 million square kilometres. The issue is not territory but our existence. It will be regrettable if the talks focus primarily and exclusively on territory. It is the quickest way to an impasse.

'Let us share hope not pain'

The following are extracts of the address by Haidar Abdel-Shafi, head of the Palestinian delegation

WE have been denied the right to publicly acknowledge our loyalty to our leadership and system of government, but allegiance and loyalty cannot be censored or severed. Our acknowledged leadership is more than just the democratically chosen leadership of all the Palestinian people; it is the symbol of our national identity and unity.

Jerusalem, the city of peace, has been barred from a peace conference and deprived of its calling. Palestinian Jerusalem, the capital of our homeland and future state, defines Palestinian existence — past, present

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and future — but has itself been denied a voice and an identity. The settlements must stop now. Peace cannot be waged while Palestinian land is confiscated in myriad ways and the status of the occupied territories is being decided each day by Israeli bulldozers and barbed wire.

This is not simply a position; it is an irrefutable reality. In the name of the Palestinian people, we wish to directly address the Israeli people with whom we have had a prolonged exchange of pain: let us share hope instead. We are willing to live side by side on the land and the promise of the future.

Sharing, however, requires two partners willing to share as equals. We will continue to strive for our sovereignty, while proceeding freely and willingly to prepare the grounds for a confederation between the two states of Palestine and Jordan, which can be a cornerstone for our security and prosperity. To the co-sponsors and participants on this occasion of awe and challenge, we pledge our commitment to the principle of justice, peace and reconciliation based on international legitimacy and uniform standards.

This is the moment of truth; you must have the courage to recognise it and the will to implement it, for our truth can no longer be hidden away in the dark recesses of inadvertancy or neglect. Our homeland has never ceased to exist in our minds and hearts, but it has to exist as a state on all the territories occupied by Israel in the war of 1967, with Jerusalem as its capital, in the context of that city's special status and its non-



Abdel-Shafi: "Our truth can no longer be hidden"

exclusive character.

This state [Palestine], in a condition of emergence, has already been a subject of anticipation for too long. It should take place today, rather than tomorrow. However, we are willing to accept the proposal for a transitional stage, provided interim arrangements are not transformed into permanent status.

International protection for our people is most urgently needed, and the *de jure* application of the Fourth Geneva Convention is a necessary condition. We must recognise that some of our people harbour serious doubts and scepticism about this process.

If international legitimacy and the rule of law are to prevail and govern relations among nations, they must be respected and, impartially and uniformly, implemented. We, as Palestinians, require nothing less than justice.

From Madrid, let us light the candle of peace and let the olive branch blossom. The Palestinians will be free, and they will stand tall among the community of nations in the fullness of the pride and dignity which by right belongs to all people.

[In an appeal to the Israeli people, Dr Abdel-Shafi also recalled that the Palestinians had already in 1988 accepted a two-state solution, of Israel alongside an independent Palestinian state].

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Bickering resumes as Bush leaves

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN MADRID

ARAB and Israeli delegates yesterday marked the departure of President Bush from their peace conference by behaving like naughty children left alone by the headmaster, and reverting to a traditional stream of abuse.

"It was like a dialogue of the deaf. After the opening day when there was decorum, this was back to Middle Eastern mudslinging," commented one Western official as the five delegations outlined positions. "There was no sign of anybody willing to make a gesture of compromise."

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's deputy foreign minister, complained angrily that Syrian and Lebanese delegates had rebuffed his efforts to

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shake their hands. He dismissed the opening address of the Palestinian delegation as "a speech of confrontation and war".

The face of Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, turned to thunder as a succession of Arab speakers poured scorn on his policy. His fingers drummed the linen-covered table in anger as the words of Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, were quoted.

Mr Arafat played Banquo's ghost as Haidar Abdel-Shafi, a founder member of the PLO and now a doctor in the occupied Gaza Strip, read a speech for the Palestinians which showed every sign of having been scripted by the PLO.

To the fury of the Israelis, the Palestinians were allotted an equal time of 45 minutes with their Jordanian colleagues in the joint delegation. It was the first time that the initials of the PLO had been used inside the elegant conference room.

The Jordanians and Palestinians also had their own disputes. The Palestinians requested a motorcade of their own, but were turned down: instead it was agreed that Dr Abdel-Shafi's limousine would drive parallel to that of the Jordanian foreign minister, Kamel Abu Jaber.

Dr Abdel-Shafi, an avuncular man of 72, quoted from the famed Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish: "My homeland is not a suitcase, and I am no traveller." Mr Shamir, speaking in heavily accented English, quoted Yehuda Halevi, the Jewish poet and philosopher who expressed from Spain the yearning for Zion: "My heart is in the east, while I am in the uttermost west."

Mr Shamir spoke eloquently of the suffering of the Jewish people down the ages. The Arabs countered with the jibe that it was unfair they should have to pay for the nazi holocaust in Europe.

Recalling the horrors of the concentration camps, which overshadow any discussion of Israel's foundation in 1948, Mr Abu Jaber, a Christian in a job normally held by a Muslim, told the delegates: "The nazis and others unleashed the passions of injured Zionism for which the Palestinians and Jordan have paid the price."

Mr Shamir's decision to attend in person appeared to have paid off. None of the other speakers had his political stature and Mr Abu Jaber was forced five times during his remarks to quote at length from King Husain of Jordan, who like the other Arab leaders, had chosen to stay at home.

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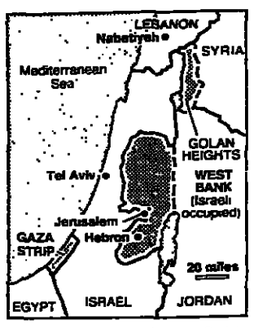
Israelis 'will talk anywhere'

From PAUL ADAMS IN JERUSALEM

AMID continuing disagreement in Madrid over where to begin bilateral peace talks, an Israeli minister yesterday said Israel is prepared to hold them outside the Middle East.

"We're willing to go anywhere, any time," Ronnie Milo, the police minister, told reporters in Jerusalem. Israel has insisted that the second phase of talks takes place in the Middle East, a condition rejected by Syria. Mr Milo said Israel's preference was not absolute. "We believe that it would be better to have the negotiations here. It's reasonable, but it's not a precondition," he said.

Israelis and Palestinians were glued to televisions and



radios on both sides of this divided city. Reactions to the speeches by Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, and Dr Haidar Abdel-Shafi, the Palestinian delegation head, illustrated the divisions.

Shoshi Ruben, a legal receptionist said that Mr Shamir's speech "should have been tougher". "It wasn't the right speech to convince the Arabs to stop terrorism." In Arab east Jerusalem, Jonathon Kuttab, a Palestinian lawyer, said: "It was like throwing ... cold water at Palestinians with any enthusiasm for the peace process."

Fighters give way to the talkers

From RICHARD BEESTON IN MADRID

A WEEK ago they were a largely unknown collection of middle-aged and elderly academics, journalists and doctors; well-meaning but neglected in a region which has always favoured the fighters over the talkers.

Their ranks have been depleted by arrests and deportations and their voices have been drowned out over the past four years by the young activists of the *intifada* and the guerrilla leaders in exile. But yesterday the Palestinian leaders assembled in Madrid for the first time emerged as credible representatives of their people. It was the first

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time a Palestinian leadership had been acknowledged by the world community and, most importantly, the Israeli government.

Unlike Yassir Arafat, whose pistol-packing performance at the United Nations in 1974 set the tone for Palestinian leadership for years to come, yesterday's address by Haidar Abdel Shafi, an elderly and respected doctor from Gaza, appeared sober and unemotional. Wearing a grey business suit and spectacles, the grandfather figure used the platform of the Madrid talks to subject Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, and his hardline team of aides to the sort of language which no Israeli leader has ever withstood in silence.

Although the contents of the speech revealed no surprises, the very fact that a Palestinian could command the attention of the world for 45 minutes was in itself a quantum leap for a people who have traditionally relied on other Arabs to fight their wars and argue their cases, usually with disastrous consequences; most recently Iraq's defeat in the Gulf war.

Behind the scenes at Madrid the transformation of the Palestinian delegation has been no less remarkable, considering none of the representatives has ever had any real experience in running a public relations operation which has become second nature to the seasoned Israeli officials. Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokeswoman, has traded arguments blow for blow with her Israeli counterpart, Benjamin Netanyahu, and emerged from the fight with praise even from the Israeli side.

The Palestinians have succeeded in pulling out further surprises at Madrid, such as their publicity operation. This is run by two Western-educated brothers, Walid and Rashid Khalidi, who have succeeded in operating what is by far the most efficient campaign of any of the Arab delegations.

Radwan Abu Ayyash, a Palestinian on the advisory committee, yesterday could hardly disguise his satisfaction at the way the Madrid talks had proceeded so far. "We are working as a team and I think proving the case of Palestinian identity for those who deny our existence." However, whether the surprise performance of the Palestinian team will improve their chances of winning any concessions from the Israelis at the bilateral stages of the talks is not clear. Nor will the speeches and press conferences necessarily make any impact on the radical Palestinians who remain opposed to the peace talks and have vowed to punish the Palestinians who speak in their name.



A word in your ear: Faisal Husseini and Hanan Ashrawi, advisers to the Palestinian delegates at the Middle East conference, conferring yesterday

Damascus calls for troop pullout

From RICHARD BEESTON IN MADRID

SYRIA yesterday launched a vicious verbal attack against Israel, accusing it of flouting international law and demanding the immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied Arab lands.

SYRIA

In the most hardline speech of the second day of the Middle East peace conference, Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian foreign minister, said that Damascus would not attend the third stage of the peace initiative, the multinational talks on regional affairs, until "substantive and concrete" progress was made at the bilateral talks.

Syria, long regarded as Israel's most implacable foe, recognised the fundamental changes which have occurred in the Middle East in the aftermath of the Cold War and of the Gulf conflict. But it then proceeded to use the same language which has traditionally characterised its attacks against the Jewish state.

In addition to accusing international Jewry of intimidating journalists critical of Israel, he claimed that Jews in the Arab world had always been well treated. He accused Israel of taking advantage of its peace settlement with Egypt at Camp David to launch its invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and its annexation of the Golan Heights in 1981.

"It is no exaggeration to state that the continuing intransigent Israeli position, which is bereft of any justification, is the one that places the world on the brink of incalculable dangers and prevents the region from enjoying peace." He continued: "All have come to realise that Israel follows a futile and obsolete ideology based on expansion, the building of settlements and the uprooting of Arabs from land in which they had lived for centuries in order to replace them with new immigrants who have never lived in this region.

"The claims invoked by Israel for the migration of world Jewry to it at the expense of the native Arab population are not sanctioned by any legal or humanitarian principle. If the entire world were to adopt such claims it would have to encourage all Christians to emigrate to the Vatican and all Muslims to holy Mecca," he said.

Lebanon urges forces to leave

LEBANON demanded yesterday that Israel withdraw its forces from the security zone in southern Lebanon which it said threatened to destabilise the whole region. Fares Buez, the Lebanese foreign minister, told the peace conference the region should join the "new world order" by enforcing international law, and implementing United Nations resolutions on territory occupied by Israel (Richard Beeston writes).

LEBANON

"Lebanon seeks to apply security council resolution 425 of March 19, 1978 which calls for strict respect for the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Lebanon with its internationally recognised boundaries," he said. "It also calls upon Israel to cease military action against Lebanese territorial integrity and withdraw forthwith its forces from all Lebanese lands."

He also demanded that the Israeli forces leave Arab lands captured during the 1967 war and stop settling Jews in the occupied territories. He said the region would enjoy stability only when the Palestinian issue was resolved.

The tense situation in southern Lebanon, where fighting broke out between Israelis and Hezbollah guerrillas on the eve of the Madrid conference, would "detonate a conflagration" if left unresolved, he said.

"I regret to remind you that Israeli attacks on my country have not ceased but rather continued until yesterday and are perhaps being carried out now as I speak to you. Peace will be enjoyed by no one in the region if volcanoes are still erupting on our borders, if peoples are still oppressed and rights violated."

● **Beirut:** Pro-Iranian kidnappers will free more Western hostages held in Lebanon in the near future despite Iran's fierce opposition to the Middle East peace talks, according to a Lebanese source who returned from Tehran recently. "The Madrid conference and the harsh Iranian and Muslim (fundamentalists) position regarding it will not hamper efforts to end the hostage crisis," he said. "To the contrary, it will speed up the current process and more hostages will be freed very soon." Tehran and pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon have condemned the talks, describing Arab participation as treason. *(Reuter)*

Jordan looks to United Nations

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

JORDAN yesterday appealed to the international community to invoke United Nations resolutions 242 and 338 under which Israel would give up territory conquered in war, in return for peace.

JORDAN

Kamal Abu Jaber, Jordan's foreign minister, told the Middle East peace conference that more land was not more security. Occupation was against every legal principle and the shape it had taken in the Arab occupied territories contravened the UN Charter and the Geneva convention, he argued. "The building of settlements and the expropriation of land are both in clear contravention of the rules of international law."

Mr Abu Jaber said that Jordan was impressed that the Madrid conference centred on international legitimacy, and claimed it was not impossible that the talks would herald a new dawn in the Middle East. The minister, who was recently appointed because of the reluctance of his predecessor to come to the conference, demanded immediate Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories, including east Jerusalem, which Israel has annexed.

He said that Arab sovereignty must be restored in Arab Jerusalem. Jerusalem could represent the essence and symbol of peace between the three great monotheistic religions, said Mr Abu Jaber, who is a Christian. "It is God's will that has made the historic city important to them all."

He rejected the claim made by right-wing Israelis that Jordan is Palestine since Palestinians account for 60 per cent of its population. He said it never had been and never would be.

Mr Abu Jaber said: "The Palestinian people must be allowed to exercise their right of self-determination in their ancestral homeland." Jordan's emphasis on UN resolutions reflected the hope that, having forced Iraq out of Kuwait, the West now would put pressure on Israel to withdraw from land it occupies. He said that the Jordanian stance was founded on international law. Resolution 242 had international validity, and had been unanimously agreed by the international community, he said: "It is binding on all member states."

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Western exodus

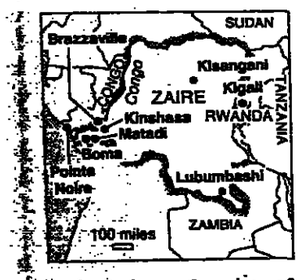
Zaire army develops a taste for looting

As Western troops depart, Sam Kiley reports from Kinshasa that chaos in Zaire could destabilise Central Africa

AS A military force, Zaire's army is laughable. Since independence from Belgium in 1960, the force has faced down secessionist uprisings in the east and south of the country only with the help of the United Nations or the French, Belgian and Moroccan armed forces. But it is second to none at looting.

Trained by France, Belgium, Israel, Egypt, China, and lately South Africa, the Zairean army pillages with remarkable efficiency and even a sense of discipline. The rank and file do not get paid enough to live on, so, to make up the difference — and to ensure that Zaire is in so much of a mess that opposition groups cannot organise against him — President Mobutu has, in the past two months, allowed his men to go on the rampage come pay day and help themselves to other people's belongings.

More than 200 Zaireans have been killed in the orgy of looting. A handful of foreigners have been injured by stray bullets or in clubbings, and two expatriate women — a Dane and an Italian — have been raped. Every single key city in the country, which has a population of 35 million and



is four times the size of France, has been wrecked utterly and all commercial activity brought to a standstill.

The 12,000 members of the civil guard, 81,000 soldiers of the Zaire armed forces and the 6,500 members of the "elite" special presidential division have been under strict instructions not to harm foreigners, especially not white ones. Marshal Mobutu knows that a serious atrocity against expatriates could result in a Franco-Belgian invasion and his own demise. Another disincentive for really bad behaviour was the presence of a small but highly trained French and Belgian force of paratroopers, foreign legionnaires, marines and Belgian SAS.

But by the end of this week the 1,000 foreign troops will have gone, their mission to evacuate more than 20,000 foreigners accomplished. Their departure is likely to be catastrophic for Zaire. Mark Eyskens, the Belgian foreign minister, called on the Organisation of African Unity this week to send in a "buffer force". The call was rejected. It appears that Mr Eyskens had not consulted any African country, or the French, or the Americans on the idea, although he now has the support of members of Congress. But his motivation for sending some sort of peacekeeping force to Zaire is correct.

Had a foreign force been sent to keep the warring factions apart in Liberia last year, the deaths of about 20,000 people could have been avoided. The myriad fighting clans in Somalia have destroyed their country. It will be on the conscience of the Western powers, chiefly France, Belgium and the United States, who have kept Marshal Mobutu in power for the past 26 years, if they now leave Zaire to tear itself apart.

If Zaire collapses, many analysts believe that the grotesque horrors which swept Liberia could well look like a picnic by comparison. The Zaireans under arms have the taste for theft. It's easy, quite good fun, and lucrative to charge through the centre of town blasting into the sky with an AK47, driving a jeep through shop windows and helping oneself to music systems and other goodies.

Zaire shares borders with nine countries. Many of them are now struggling to their feet after years of internal problems. The Rwandan government is trying to make peace with rebels in the north of the country, Zambia is in the middle of its first democratic elections in 23 years, Angola will soon be in a similar position after 16 years of civil war and politically, the Central African Republic is wobbly. If Zaire falls into chaos, the delicate balance of peace in central Africa would be in jeopardy.

Premier opposed: Opposition forces yesterday rejected a new cabinet named by Bernardin Mungul-Diaka, Mr Mobutu's unpopular new prime minister. A meeting of the 150-party opposition Sacred Union in Kinshasa pledged to "fight the new government and reject any compromise with Mobutu, who must go", a spokesman said in Brussels.

Playboy fan kills centrefold's husband



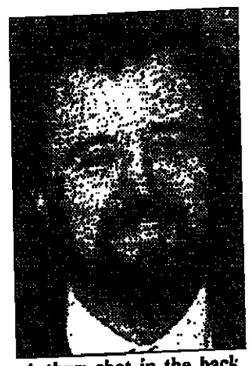
Fatal attraction: Stacy Arthur spoke to the killer

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

IN THE latest incident of "celebrity killing" in America, an apparently crazed fan has murdered the husband of a 1991 *Playboy* cover-girl and then shot himself dead.

James Lindberg shot dead James Arthur, the husband of Stacy Arthur, in a street in Bellefontaine, Ohio, on Wednesday, hours after a Los Angeles court convicted another man who stalked and then murdered a well-known television actress. Such killings follow a pattern set with the murder of John Lennon and the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan. They have caused actors and other celebrities to take extraordinary measures to ensure their security.

Witnesses said Lindberg, a Californian aged 32, fired three shots into Arthur's back as he was getting into his van. He then walked away and shot himself through the head. Mrs Arthur, who was featured last January in the magazine's centrefold and on the cover as Playmate of the Month, said Lindberg had spoken to her on a *Playboy* telephone service which enables fans to talk to the magazine pin-ups.



Arthur: shot in the back as he climbed into van

"He asked me questions," she said. "He sent me gifts, stuffed animals, balloons for my children. He always gave his best to Jim. He was a very dedicated fan. He loved *Playboy*."

Lindberg was reported to have spent the day seeking the model's husband at the couple's home in Bellefontaine, ostensibly to hand over a present. Mrs Arthur's first husband, James Trevorrow, killed himself in Ohio last July.

The latest incident was the second of the type involving a Playmate. In 1980, Dorothy Stratten, the Playmate of the Year, was murdered by her husband when she tried to leave him.

In the Los Angeles case, Robert Bardo was convicted of first degree murder for shooting Rebecca Schaeffer, the star of a popular television series called *My Sister Sam*. Bardo was said to have been obsessed with Ms Schaeffer, who was 21, and employed private detectives to trace her to her flat where he lay in wait for her and shot her when she answered a call at her door. He had also sent her a series of increasingly angry letters.

The judge rejected a claim by Bardo's lawyers that he was insane, a "victim of parental neglect and a mental health system which failed to provide the treatment he needed". Giving evidence, Park Elliott Dietz, a psychiatrist who has studied celebrity attackers, said Bardo had told him that he had been influenced by the song *Exit*, which refers to guns and violence, sung by U2, the Irish pop group. When the song was played in court, Bardo became animated and started dancing.

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NORTHWEST AIRLINES

Kennedy's nephew denies rape

West Palm Beach — William Kennedy Smith arrived at the start of his rape trial in Palm Beach, Florida yesterday and declared his innocence. As the court began the process of picking a jury, the defendant paused on the steps outside to deny the charge that he had raped a young woman at the Kennedy family's complex on March 30.

Senator Edward Kennedy, his uncle, did not accompany him to court, but is expected to testify during the trial. Mr Smith, a medical student, has postponed the last stage of his training until the trial is over. *(Reuter)*

Rwandans killed

Nairobi — Rwandan government troops killed more than 400 guerrillas during clashes in the volcanic mountains of northern Ruhengeri, state-run Rwanda radio reported. Surviving rebels were pushed back into Uganda, from where they have been launching their attacks.

Retrial rejected

Brisbane — Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, the former premier of Queensland, aged 80, whose perjury trial was abandoned after the jury failed to reach a verdict, will not face a retrial, the state's special prosecutor said. He cited Sir Joh's age and uncertainty about overseas witnesses returning for a retrial. *(Reuter)*

Son returns

Manila — Ferdinand Marcos, son of the former president, returned to the Philippines yesterday. He is the first member of the family to go back since the late dictator's overthrow. "Bongbong", aged 34, flew in four days before his mother, Imelda, is expected. The family faces corruption charges. *(Reuter)*

Papp dies

New York — Joseph Papp, the producer, has died at his home in Greenwich Village at the age of 70, after a long battle with prostate cancer. His successes included *A Chorus Line*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, and the staging of free productions of Shakespeare in Central Park. *(AP)*

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Zambians make quiet return to the polls

From JAN RAATH IN MAZABUKA

ZAMBIANS exercised their first democratic choice since 1968 in a sober and relaxed mood yesterday. They turned out in large numbers, without evident coercion, for the first election in which President Kaunda's 27-year rule has appeared in jeopardy.

Voters in this small, dilapidated farming town began queuing outside the polling station at the Nakambala centre for delinquent children at 2am. By mid-morning there were two lines, each of about 100 voters, one for men and the other for women, in Zambian electoral tradition. The woman were draped in vivid cotton *chitenges* (wraparounds), shifting their bottoms along wooden benches as the queue moved.

"We want another voice," said Austin Mwinga as he emerged from the booth, his thumb bright red with the indelible dye used to prevent multiple voting, "the old one has got to go". Every voter I spoke to in this constituency of 31,500 voters expressed the belief that "the hour has come", as the opposition Movement for Multiparty Democracy slogan puts it, for Frederick Chiluba, its leader, to implement his promises of good government and popular accountability.

In Mazabuka, as in the capital, Lusaka, Mr Chiluba's face and the movement's initials are on posters, stickers and graffiti everywhere. Campaign paraphernalia for Mr Kaunda and his ruling United National Independence Party is rare. But international observers, including those led by Jimmy Carter, the former American president, said it was too early to recognise a national trend in the results, the first of which would not be confirmed until today.

Calm apparently prevailed all over the country, after eve-of-poll appeals by both sides. "It has been very quiet; I didn't expect it," said Edward Sefuke, of a Zambian monitoring group. A young policeman on the road to Mazabuka, said: "We have seen Zaire, and we don't want it."

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BRIEFING

Union muse

AN ANNUAL venture into arts sponsorship by Nalgo, the local government trade union, has led to a piece of new music for the first time. David Bedford was commissioned to write an organ piece entitled (with perhaps a hint of class-war weariness) *Say not the struggle naught availeth*. It will be premiered in a recital by John Scott, in St Pancras Church, Euston Road, London WC1, on November 22.

Eye-catching

SURELY the most extravagant title at the recent American Film Market was a droll little movie called *Nudist Colony of the Dead*. Its plot concerns a nudist group who commit mass suicide in protest against puritanical attempts to close down their camp.

Bank books

ITALY's leading man of letters, Umberto Eco, will be in Oxford on Monday to present the Bodleian Library with one of its more unexpected tomes: a catalogue entitled *The Bank and the Book*. "By far the largest publishers in Italy are its banks."



Umberto Eco: booked for the Bodleian

says the Italian Embassy in London. "Since the beginning of the century, more than 5,000 books have been published by 620 banks." All of them are limited editions, and many beautifully bound. *The Bank and the Book* catalogues them for the first time.

Last chance...

WITH his irrepressible brand of agit-pop, Billy Bragg has long been a favourite on the alternative anorak, benefit-show circuit. Now, perhaps because of the unusually accessible charms of his recent album, *Don't Try This at Home*, a wider range of people are starting to come for their 90 minutes of workers' playtime. Such has been the box-office success that this campaigning cockney's British tour has been extended to include two extra shows at the Town & Country, London NW5 (071-284 0303) tonight and tomorrow.

From portraits to angry abstraction: **Richard Cork** reviews the Tate Gallery's retrospective of German painter Gerhard Richter

Mounting tension in blurred visions

In 1962, a year after forsaking East Germany and settling in Düsseldorf, Gerhard Richter started to obliterate one of his paintings. Based on a magazine photograph, like most of his work then, the canvas bore the image of a white-topped table. But the dissatisfied Richter covered the central area with a flurry of broad, angry brushmarks.

The outcome might easily have been thrown away, for Richter destroyed a lot of his pictures during this uneasy period. He decided, however, to retain it. The tension between the carefully painted table and the maddened swirl of cancellations intrigued him. Far from dismissing it, Richter came to see in this outburst of self-censorship a new beginning.

Hanging now as the first exhibit in Richter's retrospective at the Tate Gallery, *Table* looks more prophetic of his later development than the paintings nearby. For the subsequent rooms are punctuated throughout by sudden, startling changes, from figurative images to abstractions and back again. Richter is the most restless of contemporary painters, and the brusque strokes exploding like a grenade on *Table*'s once-immaculate surface herald the arrival of his fruitful discontent.

Because he concentrated for a while on photographs culled from mass media sources, Richter's early work is often linked with Pop Art. But he always stayed at a cool remove from the concerns of Lichtenstein or Warhol. Already commanding the skill which would allow him to flower into a master manipulator of pigment, he copied his sources with consummate care.

The brashness, commercial cynicism and comic-book simplifications of New York Pop play no part in these sober, largely black-and-white canvases. They avoid sensationalism, even reducing the ubiquitous Jackie Kennedy to an anonymous *Woman with Umbrella* as she covers her mouth soon after the president's assassination.

Alongside this search for impersonality, Richter robbed his photographic starting points of their original clarity. By dragging his brush over the wet surface of his paintings, he blurred the images and made them oddly tantalising. An unidentified *Administrative Building* becomes still more drab and oppressive once Richter has ensured that its facade is subtly indistinct. Even the Great Sphinx of Giza hovers on the edge of dissolution, and a tiger almost melts into the equally fuzzy forms of the surrounding jungle.

After a while, though, an unsettling eeriness emerges from these apparently remote paintings. A military aeroplane emblazoned with camouflage stripes hurtles across one canvas, its slipstream akin to the white tracks of released missiles. Then, in the late Sixties, a series of cityscapes sound a still more menacing note. Viewed from above, as if glimpsed by the pilot in the screaming jet, the rooftops seem to crumble. Thicker pigment is used now, wielded so loosely that the buildings almost shake with the threat of imminent disintegration. The streets could even be lined with ruins already, for Richter grew up near Dresden and may well have been affected by adolescent memories of its annihilation.





Images which hover on the edge of dissolution: Richter's 1965 *Tiger* (top left) and *Great Sphinx of Giza*, which appear blurred; with *Betty* (bottom left), the enigmatic portrait of his daughter looking behind her at a canvas, and *Terese Andeszka*, his 1965 oil on muslin

Are the all-grey paintings, which enter his output soon afterwards, also connected with this recollection of apocalypse? I do not think so. Rather do they arise from Richter's need to escape from subject-matter, asserting instead the independent elements of his art. The uncompromising monochromes he produced in the early Seventies force the viewer to think about the autonomy of abstraction. If paint began to claim a liberated role for itself in his city pictures, here it asserts an identity unencumbered by any overt representational purpose.

Monumental fields of grey dominate this half-way point in the exhibition. Some are tightly stippled, rigid and brittle. Others are brushed in with great fluidity, still managing to convey a hint of thunderous clouds. Figurative associations are difficult to oust entirely, and Richter admits as much by taking Titian's *Assumption* as his theme for a 1973 triptych. But the forms of angel and virgin, detectable in the blurred initial canvas, then proceed to dissolve in a haze of wispy brushmarks. Although immensely seductive, they imply that figurative art is no longer sustainable.

A neighbouring roomful of 48 separate portraits comes as a shock, each one based with dogged fidelity on a photograph of a celebrated writer, composer or scientist. Ultimately, though, they seem unrevealing, as if Richter wanted to meditate on the deadening and deceptive uniformity of their source in dictionaries and encyclopedia illustrations.

In order to confirm this appetite for abstraction, he embarked the following year on a series of Colour Chart canvases, one containing over 4,000 colour boxes ranged in a severe grid. They were the toughest demonstration of Richter's resolve to make "a picture which stood up on its own", but the example at the Tate is the show's least interesting work. Hard, over-assertive and devoid of the sensibility he reveals with such versatility elsewhere, *1024 Colours* is a disappointingly dogmatic exercise.

Richter was a painter in flight from himself, but his dissatisfaction soon pushed him in another direction. The old involvement with figurative images resurfaces in a strange, alarming sequence devoted to a safari accident. His starting point, some stills from an amateur video, was doubtless shakily focused to begin with. By the time Richter got to work on them, though, neither the lion nor the mauled tourist is easy to detect. The final work in the series becomes unnervingly still, and blood-red pigment blooms on the canvas like stains slowly spreading over the victim's clothes.

The sense of tragedy in these safari paintings, with their distant references to lion images by Rubens and Delacroix, reflected Richter's inner turbulence as well. He needed to bring about a decisive upheaval in his work, allowing a greater degree of chance to invade his highly deliberated procedures. When the moment came, the effect was galvanic. The final years of the Seventies are given over to marvellously eruptive canvases, charged with the released dynamism of a painter finally giving rein to his most impulsive urges.

He gave each of them the title *Abstract Painting*, in order to stress their reliance on random gesture. But their very freedom of execution ensures that a host of associations are generated by the darting marks left on these exhilarating canvases. Sometimes, as in the Tate's own 1978 painting, the brushmarks evoke densely matted natural growth in a wood or below water. Elsewhere, the outspoken passages of paint dragged across the surface resemble climatic disturbances. The tempestuous *Claudius* is riven with blizzard-like striations, and an immense glacial diptych appears to be streaming with melting snow.

Richter does nothing to prevent these references from suggesting themselves. In a majestic sequence of predominantly deep blue paintings, where glimmers of yellow and orange light still persist within the embedded earlier layers, he abandons his abstract nomenclature and calls them *Forest*. They are surely the most romantic of all his works, with a dappled loveliness which allies him, rather surprisingly, with Monet. The same quality informs *St John*, named after a chapel in Westminster Abbey but recalling the lily-strewn, reflection-rich waters of Giverny.

Developing this grand, sensuous and eloquent manner of painting has occupied much of Richter's formidable energy over the last 15 years. The final room at the Tate proves, however, that he insists on keeping his options open. Apart from two ravishing red abstractions produced this year, it includes an image of a skull painted in his blurred photographic manner, a mirror saturated with grey pigment and an enigmatic portrait of his daughter, *Betty*. Although depicted with consummate dexterity, she turns away to stare at a grey canvas hanging behind her.

By juxtaposing two wholly different ways of painting — the figurative and the abstract — *Betty* implies that he has no desire to settle for one at the expense of the other. Both alternatives, and many more besides, will continue to feed the searching, ruminative but above all unpredictable momentum of an artist who deserves to be ranked among the most rewarding painters around.

● *Gerhard Richter continues at the Tate, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313) until January 12.*

CRITIC'S CHOICE: GALLERIES

MATTER OF TASTE Raymond Mason's coloured, caricatural sculpture is guaranteed to shock, but his tableaux are unlike the work of anyone else.
Raymond Mason Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, W1 (071-629 5161), until Nov 23.

THE TWAIN MEET British ideas of Japan and Japanese ideas of Britain have been a consistent theme in the art of both countries. Documentary is good, but creative misunderstanding often proves to be better.
Japan and Britain: An aesthetic dialogue 1850-1930. Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 4141), to Jan 12.

CENTENARIAN Longest-lived and least-known among the great artists of the Weimar Republic, Richard Ziegler falls between his native Germany and Britain, where he was a refugee during the Nazi years. His work of the Twenties is brilliantly drawn, wittily observant and technically innovative.
Richard Ziegler Runkel-Hue-Williams, Old Bond St, W1 (071-495 7017), to Jan 31.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

THEATRE

The ultimate producer

Benedict Nightingale assesses the achievement of the theatrical impresario Joseph Papp, who died yesterday

To know the producer Joseph Papp was, paradoxically, to feel exasperated with Britain. We are *nouns*; he was a verb. We complain; he acted. We let setbacks cow us; he went on to the next project. We wince away from risk; he relished it. "Don't tell me anything is impossible," he would say, "let's try it first." It was a philosophy that made him the most effective figure in the American theatre.

He was smaller than average, but larger than life. His headquarters was the Public Theatre, a vast, stately building which looks more like a palace in Renaissance Siena than a cultural fun-house in New York's tacky East Village; and there was never any doubt who was the duke. He chose the plays, always (he said) because he felt they were topical and challenging. If you were lucky, you might find him in his office, surrounded by posters of the plays that over the years had won him 30-odd Tony awards; but he was more likely to be bustling about the building or out in the city, hustling for money or crusading for one of a myriad theatrical causes.

Who could grudge him his power? After all, he had started with nothing and created what *The New York Times* called the "single most important and flourishing theatrical institution in the country". He was a Brooklyn boy, the son of poor Polish-Jewish immigrants, and claimed to remember making midnight flits from demanding landlords and earning the family extra cents by polishing people's shoes with his fingers.

Though he never completed his education, he managed to fall in love with Shakespeare, and it became, and remained, a primary mission to prove that American actors could make the Bard eloquent to ordinary American audiences. He created an organisation he grandly called the New York Shakespeare Festival in the basement of a Presbyterian church, trucking his productions around town.

Papp came to public notice by fighting an epic battle with the Parks Commissioner, who objected to free performances in open spaces. Needless to say, David triumphed over this bureaucratic Goliath. The result was the creation of the Delacorte Theatre in Central Park, where the likes of Kevin Kline, Michele Pfeiffer and Tracey Ullman perform Shakespeare, free, every summer.

Papp combined the flair for publicity of a Barnum with astonishingly broad tastes. You might switch on a radio station, and hear him actually singing an advertisement; perhaps for *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Hair*, or the most successful of the many productions he transferred to Broadway, *A Chorus Line*; perhaps for David Hare's *Plenty* or Caryl Churchill's *Top Girls*. He did more than any other American to bring foreign drama to New York. He played a prime part in launching George Scott, Al Pacino, Meryl Streep and many another. He accustomed America, and indirectly Britain, to colour-blind casting by putting black actors in traditionally white roles.

When I last saw him, he was writing the prefaces for an edition of Shakespeare, organising a festival of Hispanic drama, trying to persuade the governor of New Jersey to support the idea of a mini-city for theatre people in Newark, arranging for one of the Public's playhouses to present a series of plays in Yiddish, putting on Shakespeare for deprived schoolchildren in a Broadway theatre, and refusing to give up on his most ambitious plan: to create an American National Theatre at Lincoln Center.



Papp: indefatigable leader of American public theatre

Inevitably, Papp had his detractors. Some critics found his work excessively populist, and attacked him for giving Hamlet a newspaper to peruse or opportunistically casting a mumbling Pacino as Richard III. Yet what other American producer would have dared present a neglectful New York with Shakespeare's entire corpus? Papp was called high-handed and arrogant, the megalomaniac Napoleon of the American theatre. Yet where would that ailing organism now be without his combative skills?

TELEVISION PREVIEW

Letters and notes on Mozart

Paul Griffiths on *Not Mozart*, a celebration of his bicentenary by today's composers

NOT Mozart? Yes, Mozart. Mozart, Mozart, Mozart. But also more, or less, besides. That tireless champion of new music in Britain, Annette Morreau, had the bright idea of commissioning half a dozen composers who would look at Mozart askew, if not askance, and project what they saw onto our television screens.

Of course, others have done rather the same, notably Glyndebourne with its garland of pre-opera serenades and John Woolrich with a work for 18th century orchestra based on Mozart sketches. But maybe because this is television, the ironies of *Not Mozart* are more playful.

However, the series of five, not six, programmes (one is being shown only on Dutch television) starts on Sunday with rather few laughs. This is Peter Greenaway, taking a characteristically alphabetical view on the subject and coming up with "M is for Man, Music, Mozart".

The scene is set as if in a Renaissance anatomy theatre, where the objects on display include a fair number of naked bodies, animated, washed and scrawled over with all the dazzling techniques of *Prospero's Books*. Greenaway's background stomp this time is provided by the Dutch composer Louis Andriessen, not Michael Nyman, whose music fiddles away under next week's "Letters, Riddles and Writs", written and directed by Jeremy Newson. This is a surreal fantasy skidding alarmingly between bright jokes and a dull, laboured demonstration of musical imitation.

Special effects have to carry too much of the weight, a burden taken in the following week's "Bring me the Head of Amadeus" by the manic energy of H.K. Gruber. Judith Weir's unusually disappointing contribution is "Scipio's Dream", which is hardly more than a rescored précis of one of Mozart's boyhood masques. The series ends well, though, four weeks hence with the unpromisingly titled "WAM! Ltd", written and directed by Anthony Garner, with music by the Dutch improviser Misha Mengelberg.

This haunting film throws one into some parallel world where Mozart never existed, but where someone of the same name is a contemporary plutocrat at a business meeting in a seaside hotel. The magnates sit in evening dress listening to the weird, rich and savage sounds: is this because music, without Mozart, never got frozen into a corpus of permanent classics?

● *Not Mozart begins on Sunday at 9.40pm on BBC2.*

LOCK THE STABLE DOOR!

About ninety kilometres outside Prague lies the town of Pilsen. Here, in 1842, a group of Bohemian brewmasters invented the world's first lager. The refreshing, golden brew was proudly named Pilsen. But before long trouble was brewing. Rival brewers elsewhere proclaimed that they, too, had a beer in the "Pilsner-style". These devious burghers even called their beers Pilsner, Pils or Pilsener. In 1898, things came to a head. The Czechoslovakian brewers went to the Imperial High Court of Germany to prevent the plague of plagiarism. The court agreed how absurd and illogical it was for a beer to be called Pilsen if it wasn't actually from Pilsen. But alas, it was too late for justice to be done. A definite case of locking the stable door after the horse had bolted. Consequently in toto, Pilsen was renamed *Pilsner Urquell*. This translates to "original source of Pilsen". The correct pronunciation is "er-kwell". Nowadays of course, there is still a plethora of beers called Pils. But quite frankly, we are unperturbed. For when it comes to producing the best, we still hold the key. Pilsner Urquell

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Positively charged for victory

Armed with nerve, muscles and a psychology degree, Will Carling leads the England rugby team against Australia tomorrow. Kate Muir tackled him on his home ground

Like small boys waiting for Christmas morning, the players of the English rugby team are padding around during daylight hours in what appear to be their pyjamas. In a stuffy Richmond hotel more used to business suits, their *variegated leisure-wear is* incongruous, but presumably worn with the hope that relaxed bodies will make for similar minds. It is midway through The Big Wait for The Big Match and the tension is just beginning to crack the surface.

The captain emerges from the team's communal lunch, held at long schoolroom-style tables, gives the lads a brisk briefing and sends them off to watch the Scotland v New Zealand match upstairs. The adults gather downstairs in the drawing room. Will Carling, a rugby captain famed for his eloquence, speaks:

"At the end of the day, you've got to be able to enjoy it, haven't you?" he says. Odd. That sounds like footballer phraseology, not the articulate product of public school and Durham University. Perhaps this is an impostor. Sneakily, we compare him to the topless Page 3 fella from last month's *Sun*, which we happen to carry on our person. Usefully, it includes ten facts about "England's ace rugby hunk". Fact 4: "Will is 5ft 11in, has a 44in chest, 25in thighs and 33in waist . . ." A glance at the thighs clinches it. We have the right player.

This is the man who tomorrow may take England from being a scrag end of a nation to a respected world power again. If the team win, there will be great jubilation in the streets and an over-excited John Major will probably call an *instant general election*. If England loses, Carling is dead meat.

With that in mind, is the pressure getting to him? "I think the pressure was really off us when we got to the final. It would be lovely to win, but it will be enough to be actually there at all. I've been thinking about this moment for two years, and I've decided the worst thing would be to be tense and frightened and look back on it and realise I didn't even enjoy it. When I run out there on Saturday, and stand there, I'll know we've worked as hard as we can, and that's what matters."

Carling oozes conviction and confidence, the traits that brought him the captaincy *after one season in* international rugby at the tender age of 22, the youngest player in the squad. Three years on, he is a master in the art of man manipulation. He has just been telling the team to "keep their minds on what they have achieved, *telling them* how good they are now, and how good they've been". Positive thinking is the key. The Australians may seem to be a foot taller and wider than the English but they push that thought out of their minds.

Destined to be a great leader at an early age, Carling first opted to join the infantry as a junior officer, but bought himself out when there was not enough time off for rugby. "I really fancied three years in the Army in charge of 30 guys, who were all more experienced and older than me. It was the challenge of getting those guys to follow you, not because you were an officer but because they actually thought you were a good guy and worth following. That's what interests me. It's sort of what I do now, except they don't have rucksacks."

> *The captain famed for his eloquence speaks: 'At the end of the day, you've got to be able to enjoy it, haven't you?' he says*

When the rookie captain arrived back in 1988, he knew that players in their early thirties, with years of experience, would resent him. "They must have sat and thought, *what on earth is going on?*" Not only was their leader a mere stripling, but they were told he was going to lead them into the World Cup, whatever happened in the interim.

"I never walked in and said, I'm captain, this is what's going to happen. I just sat down with the older guys one at a time and told them their experience was vital and I needed their help. We discussed tactics, and who they thought ought to be in the squad, and soon they got really involved."

His pep talks before the *game are masterpieces of en*couragement, calm and self control, and owe something to his degree in psychology. "I don't want to send them out there running like headless chickens." Instead of the ritual headbanging and shouting favoured by some captains, they are quietly told that this team is very, very talented, and very, very determined.

His style as a captain has heralded a change in English rugby, and a leaner, fitter player, more the bulk of a Schwarzenegger than a Schwarzkopf. The flab in the scrum is in fact muscle. Following the appalling defeat by New Zealand in the last *World Cup, pinch-an-inch* checks have begun and players are not allowed above a meagre 14.5 per cent body fat.

The game's profile has also improved. The punters can now remember the captain's name. At one point previously there were five captains in 18 months. This one is so media-friendly he is almost lying doglike on his back waiting for his tummy to be tickled, although he says he does it for the profile of the team, and not for himself.

The *Sun* fella was, disappointingly, not a posed shot, but one from Hong Kong more than two years ago, when all the players had stripped off. He now regrets another oiled he-man appearance, in a colour magazine. "You learn from your mistakes. The photographer says, go on it'll be fun, then it's snap, snap, snap, and then all hell's let loose." The demand for the Kirk Douglas-style dimple is insatiable, but now, *GQ* is more his scene, and of course the cover of his book, *Captain's Diary*.

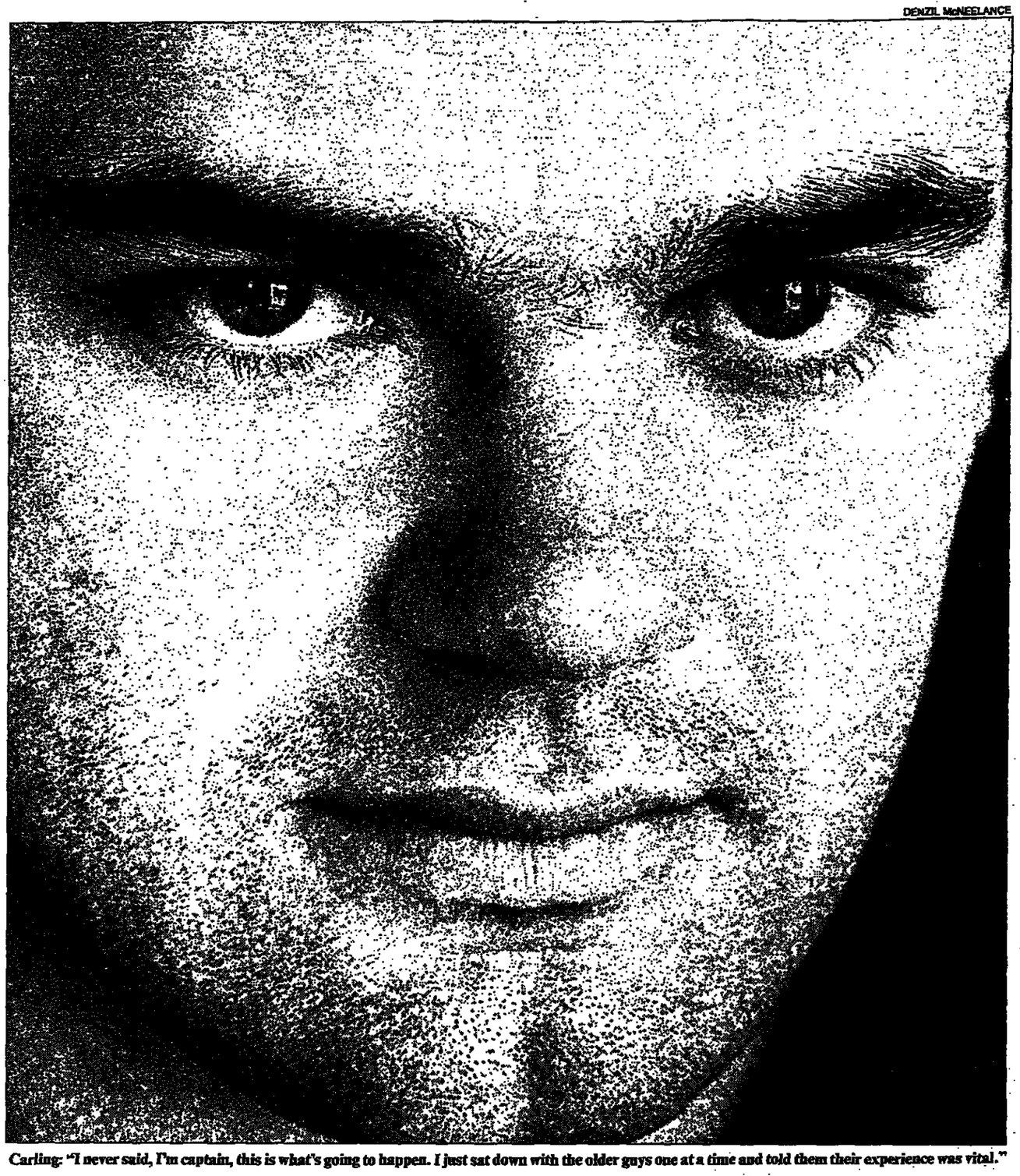
Promoting the new clean-living, intelligent rugby player has also done no harm to Will Carling, businessman, and his company Inspirational Horizons, which teaches chief executives and directors much the same leadership formula as is used on the pitch. He is also pleased that the amateur rules on outside earnings related to the game have been relaxed, for he will be worth a not untidy sum as a product-endorser following the cup.

Of course, Carling says he was never in it for the money, or he would have taken up the £1 million signing-on fee offered by a rugby league club. He is really in it for heroism. His own heroes are Winston Churchill, Col Sir David Stirling (the founder of the SAS), and one of his old rugby captains from Sedbergh public school, who put his thoughts in a notebook after each match. The then Carling Minor read it. "They had won every game that season, apart from the last, and he wrote that that was sad, but he thought it had done more for the character of the team to lose the final game than to win."

This is an insight which Carling appreciates, but has no intention of applying tomorrow.

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DENZIL McNEELANCE



Carling: "I never said, I'm captain, this is what's going to happen. I just sat down with the older guys one at a time and told them their experience was vital."

To absent wives and girlfriends

Segregation still remains supreme *in rugby. Whatever the outcome* of the World Cup final, the England players will not be able to celebrate with or seek consolation from their wives and girlfriends tomorrow evening. The men will go on to their black tie dinner at the Royal Lancaster hotel while the women are entertained elsewhere.

Rob Andrew, the stand off half hero of the semi-final against Scotland complained about the practice this week: "At a time when we so wanted *to share our inner thoughts and* emotions with those closest to us, that pleasure was denied us. I regard it as an outdated custom and a mistake."

Such sentiments are shared by Sara *Andrew, his wife. "You give all this* support and then you are expected to fade away," she says. "If they win you are so proud and you want to join in the celebrations. If they lose you want to make it better for them. The last thing you want is to be separated."

Defenders of the all-male dinner *would argue that it is more than just* an opportunity to relax and let off steam; it is also about sportsmanship: players break bread with the same men who earlier they were trying to tear limb from limb. Women are excluded therefore from the ritual for the simple reason that they are non-participants in the game.

But Suzie Mummé, married to Paul Ackford, the England lock, believes woman are not distanced from the game in the way they once were. "These days women's emotional and moral support is often the key to a team's success," she says. "We all go to every game, which would not have happened even ten years ago. And I *would say 90 per cent of us are pretty* knowledgeable. The administrator of the American side is a woman, as is the secretary of the Canadian side. It will probably even come about here one day."

Contrary to popular legend, the dinners are not, she says, scenes of *drunken debauchery. "They are not* bun-fighting, mooning and rude joke affairs. In fact when I think of all the speech making and pontificating that goes on I am sometimes glad I do not have to live through it."

Mrs Andrews says: "They have to sit in their formal dress listening to endless speeches and making polite conversation to older members of the union. At some of these events you get the impression that the players are superfluous, that they are put on for the benefit of everyone else."

Both women believe the men would genuinely prefer a mixed event. "I know people always say they are just saying that to humour us but I think it *really is the case. We had a mixed* dinner at the Guildhall for the Australian centennial three years ago and everyone said it was one of the most enjoyable they had ever had," *says Ms Mummé, who runs her own* recruitment company in the city. "We certainly have great times when we all *get together after the dinners for a* dance or something. That is when they really start to let their hair down."

The dinner for the women tomorrow has been organised by the English *Rugby Union. "As far as the World* Cup organisers are concerned we might as well not exist," says Mrs Andrew, a product manager for an ophthalmic products company. "I am not saying it is a deliberate snub, I just think it does not even occur to them. To call them blinkered is putting it politely."

Dinners for wives and girlfriends are enjoyable, however, she adds. "We are a pretty lively bunch but the organisers dilute us by putting us on different tables with committee wives, who are more of a sobering influence. It is an entirely female do. You get a glimpse of a male waiter, which is the highlight of the evening."

LIZ GILL

Parish with a golden pump

A £3.2m windfall has sparked a bitter quarrel between villages near Bristol. Who will get what, next week?

A MAN is sitting in a hut in The Gambia watching television. His wife has just left him. He has four children and a hole in his roof. Woe is he.

Don Lippiatt is standing in his newsagents and general *store in Easter Compton*, a village which is part of the Almondsbury parish near Bristol. He is happily married, there are no holes in his roof. The telephone rings. The man from The Gambia wishes to know if he can have some of *the wealth Mr Lippiatt* controls.

Mr Lippiatt says no. He says no to people living a bus ride away, let alone hapless Gambians. He has said no to a lady from Sussex in search of a vacuum cleaner, a woman from Enfield who wants a puppy because her husband does not speak to her, and a *girl in Aberdeen who wants a* holiday in Italy.

As chairman of the richest parish council in Britain, you attract a lot of attention. You tell your story to Derek Jameson on his satellite television programme and the next thing you know you are on television in an African village. A little gem of an English country fable, involving as it does money, jealousy, in-fighting, legal wrangling and Michael Heseltine, has put you on the receiving end of sob stories from several continents.

Almondsbury comprises half a dozen villages whose combined wealth is earning interest at the rate of £1,000 a week. The source of this *wealth is five acres of land* which, a few years ago, turned from green to white on a Department of Environment planning map. What had been a farm and a few allotments could now be sold for development.

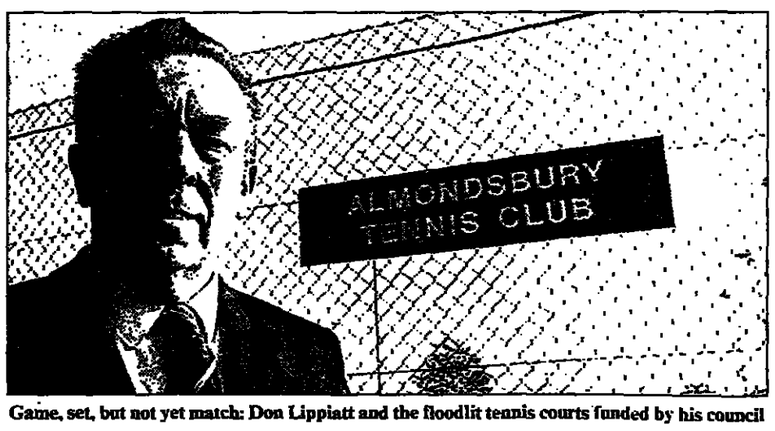
One evening two years ago *Almondsbury's 13 parish* councillors, having waited for the peak of the property boom, sat down to open the envelopes containing bids for the land. By the end of the evening a parish which until then had lived on a precept of £10,000 a year was £3.2 million better off.

Mr Lippiatt, then acting *chairman of the council, now* chairman, says: "We couldn't believe it was worth so much but once we had it we were determined to hang on to it. People say we can't spend it in a parish with more sheep than people but we want to invest it for future generations.

"There is this constant drift of young people from villages to towns. Here we have a golden opportunity to provide the facilities that will entice them to stay." The council has so far spent on £700,000 on projects ranging from floodlit tennis courts to path improvements.

The rumpus that brought Michael Heseltine's department into the affair began last year. Under local boundary changes that come into effect next May, a part of the Almondsbury parish becomes a separate parish, called Bradley Stoke. The new parish believes that when it is hived *off, a proportion of the money* should be hived off with it. So the infant Bradley Stoke community association wrote to Mr Heseltine, whose department proposed that the money should be shared on the basis of the number of charge payers in each parish: on that basis Bradley Stoke would get £1.8 million.

*Almondsbury made a com*promise offer whereby the spoils would be split on the basis of the acreage covered by each parish. That would have meant Almondsbury keeping some £2 million. John Williams, the Bradley Stoke *community association's* buildings officer, says this won't do. "The new parish has no facilities so we need money more than Almondsbury does."



Game, set, but not yet match: Don Lippiatt and the floodlit tennis courts funded by his council

BRADLEY Stoke is a *crammed job lot of new* housing, aimed at serving the burgeoning Bristol commuter belt. Williams was only the 17th person to move in there four years ago but now people are arriving at the rate of 15 families a week and the eventual population is projected at 20,000, five times that of Almondsbury parish.

"That isn't the point," says Mr Lippiatt. He says the proposed deal is a rotten one. "When we sold the land there were 300 or 400 charge payers in Bradley Stoke, now there are nearly 4,000."

The crunch comes next Tuesday, bonfire night, and sparks are guaranteed to fly at the emergency meeting of *Almondsbury parish council*. Mr Lippiatt will be in the chair, as he was two years ago. Only this time, 48 hours before the D of E deadline for a decision, he may have to put something into an envelope rather than take something out. If so, it will be a cheque. It won't be a begging letter.

PETER BARNARD



Put out more flags

Alan Hamilton on how not to welcome royals

We are all aware of the perils of passive smoking, but has anyone considered the dangers of passive solvent abuse? This unrecognised hazard must be a potential threat to the health of the royal family, for they move constantly in a world where every corridor, every door, has been freshly painted for their brief benefit, and from which the fumes are barely dispersed. Planting eight perfectly healthy former patients in an empty ward for the benefit of the Princess of Wales, as a Canadian hospital did this week, is only an extreme example of the make-believe world that a royal visit engenders. News that a royal personage is heading in their direction tends to send local bigwigs, who are usually quite littlewigs really, into unreasonable panic. Reputations and egos are a stake; Bateman might well have drawn the man who forgot to hide the toilet sign with a potted plant.

There is a story, sadly unconfirmed, that a northern local council once painted curtains on the windows of a street of derelict houses down which the Queen was due to pass at some speed. When she visited a colliery in Fife, the manager laid concrete slabs to hide the fact that the miners worked ankle-deep in water, and according to local reports at the time he even debated the wisdom of whitewashing the coalface.

Managers of the Corby steelworks, preparing to receive their monarch, decided that the toilet designated for her use should she require one was not up to snuff and replaced the plain plastic seat with one in mother-of-pearl design. In 1983, the San Francisco museum of modern art spent $70,000 on a toilet for the Queen, complete with plush drapes and silk wallpaper. She never used it.

On the same visit, the city fathers of Los Angeles decided to smarten up a hospital for the Queen's arrival by painting the kerbstones outside yellow. Alas, they used water-based paint and the royal visitor, arriving in the wake of a downpour, was greeted by a magnificent yellow mess, as though a lorryload of eggs had crashed.

When Princess Margaret visited an RAF station near Doncaster on one occasion, wives in the married quarters were ordered not to hang babies' nappies on their washing-lines during the royal presence. And that for the supposed benefit of a woman with two children of her own. Newcastle, preparing to receive the Princess Royal on a council estate, despatched a squad of workmen to tidy up the front gardens, but not the back. Inevitably, she asked to see a back garden.

The crushing disappointment of those who strive so hard can only be guessed at. During a previous visit by the Waleses to Canada, the captain of the destroyer escorting Britannia had a magnificent wheeze: he despatched two sailors to hack chips from a passing iceberg, which he then used to cool a ferocious cocktail he had mixed for the Princess's delectation. She does not drink ferocious cocktails, and the ice melted undrunk.

Paint, however, remains the principal hazard of the royal round. The Prince of Wales, to whom fresh Dulux is one of the least favourite scents in the world, could not even escape it as a hospital patient. When he arrived in Nottingham to have his broken arm re-set, he found to his dismay that the hospital had repainted his room for the occasion.

Putting fake patients in a hospital, however, is quite another matter. The Princess of Wales is unlikely to be amused by the deception. She sees more than enough real distress, whether in a children's Aids hospice in New York or a leprosy hospital in Indonesia, to feel that real suffering is being trivialised. The place had just been painted too.

Charles Bremner thinks America should drop its Anglophile snobbery and glory in its own culture

Catching a British disease

John Major popped up in the pages of *The New Yorker* last week. In a lavender-coloured letter on Downing Street notepaper, he congratulated the magazine on its publication of a British advertising section that would bring readers a "taste of the United Kingdom".

Readers hardly needed any encouragement to scan the merchandise from Messrs Burberry, Barbour and others, since Anglophilia is a chronic condition of the East Coast classes who take the venerable weekly. Theirs is only an extreme version of a state that afflicts America as a whole. Britain, or at least an idealised version of it, is part of the mental landscape of most Americans, whatever their ancestry.

Theirs is a Britain with only a passing resemblance to reality. It is a misty idyll of good manners, red double-deckers, cheery bobbies and cockneys and witty types who waft around the lawns of Oxbridge colleges and country houses. The preaching of a minority of Anglophobes and news of lager louts and football riots have made little headway against the influence of endless Anglophile television commercials, the pseudo-English imagery of Ralph Lauren and of Masterpiece Theatre, the format for British television drama piously presented by Alastair Cooke, America's official Englishman. The latest object of American reverence is *The Economist*. Its suddenly fashionable status is proving too much for some Anglophobes, and James Fallows in *The Washington Post* has just denounced it as the product of a clique of ill-informed and juvenile London "smarty-pants". But the enduring snob appeal of things British has just been demonstrated by *Spy* magazine, which dressed up an elderly actor in the supposed regalia of a Scottish lord and watched as he was fawned over in the salons of New York.

Britons in America can get much mileage out of the favour still shown to the old country. The accent will, for example, bring busy people to the telephone and win tables in crowded restaurants. Respect for all things Shakespearean provides the sort of access to Hollywood and of deferential reviews currently being enjoyed by Kenneth Branagh with *Dead Again*, his new and very muddled Los Angeles film. But it is hard to avoid the conclusion that the old admiration is unhealthy for both sides.

For Britons it serves to reinforce an ignorant disdain, a sense of cultural superiority which has been around since since Dickens and Trollope pioneered the sport of mocking American vulgarity. For Americans, the incessant desire to measure matters of taste against Europe and Britain in particular, prevents them from appreciating their own unquestionable superiority in many fields, and drives them to compensate with a pomposity that makes them look silly.

The propensity for pretentiousness has just been skewered by Paul Fussell, the cultural historian, in a book that is mercilessly funny but also a blazing example of the "cultural cringe", the term that Australia coined for its equivalent complex.

In *BAD, or The Dumbing of America*, Fussell follows Allan Bloom, E.D. Hirsch and all those who have lately bewailed the American cultural wasteland. BAD, he writes, is a quality to be distinguished from simple vulgarity, which is "mere harmless bad, like saying 'Have a nice day' to perfect strangers or naming girls Kimberley." For something to be BAD, it must exhibit elements of the pretentious, the overwrought or the fraudulent.

America, he says, is world headquarters of moral pretension, the home of "great crappiness", the laughing-stock of Europeans, and he furnishes some 200 pages of examples to prove it. These range from architecture to airline service; from stretch limos to shoddy design; and from the proliferation of ersatz universities turning out illiterate graduates to the American drive for success, which he defines as "making a pile and living a life untroubled by thought".

His hit list also includes people who say "you don't know me, but . . ." and waiters who try to get on first-name terms with customers and offer them "freshly-ground pepper". He hates polyester, valet parking, the cult of "self-esteem", and the pomposity and love of euphemism that lead people to say "make a determination" for decide and "developmentally delayed" for retarded. America has become a naive, infantile, crass land of mediocrity, he says.

But Professor Fussell, whose most celebrated work is *The Great War and Modern Memory*, seems not to understand that America's sense of inferiority and its "lust for dignity" can only be heightened by books such as this, with its complaints about isolation from Europe and its quotations from Evelyn Waugh, Kingsley Amis and Cyril Connolly.

Much of what Fussell complains about can be found just as easily on the other side of the Atlantic. The tackiness he laments is, if anything, more pronounced in modern Britain, as many Americans discover to their dismay when they move from the myths of Masterpiece Theatre to the grim reality of Heathrow. One wonders whether Professor Fussell has ever seen a BT phone booth, or the candy coloured paint on a Southern Region train. And when it comes to architecture, Britain can give the worst in America a run for its money. For a surfeit of plastic, polyester and boorish driving, Britain beats America any day. Service in the United States may err on the pretentious side, but that is preferable to the surly indifference so often found in the over-priced restaurants and hotels of Britain. As for the vacuous pretensions of the yuppie age, Fussell should eavesdrop on a few London wine-bars before so glibly dismissing his countrymen.

In his advertising blurb in *The New Yorker*, Mr Major talks of the "sense of common heritage" felt by the two countries. At the risk of sounding unappreciative, Anglophiles here might do better to dwell less upon ancestry, feeling like Romans to Britain's Greece, as Harold Macmillan put it, and spend more time celebrating the glories of their own country, neon vulgarity and all.

The slanging match starts

Peter Riddell says the Queen's Speech heralds raucous, sterile electioneering

A WEEK IN POLITICS

Yesterday, John Major and Neil Kinnock confirmed the electorate's worst fears. The noisy exchanges at the start of the Queen's Speech Commons debates were an all-too-realistic dress rehearsal for a campaign that is likely to be nasty, tedious and long. A diet of exaggerated attacks is likely to pall quickly.

Neither leader did much to advance his cause yesterday, indeed Mr Major may have risked his "nice guy" image by taking so partisan a stance. The Kinnock and Major messages were, respectively, that the government is afraid of facing the electorate because of the recession and their unpopular social policies, and that Labour cannot be trusted because it has abandoned past principles and commitments. The floor of the Commons may be a place to avoid over the winter.

Mr Major appears more than ever the manager of the Thatcher inheritance, a consolidator rather than a crusader. Yesterday, when he was not attacking Labour, he was defending existing policies – quite effectively so when it came to the results of joining the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. But Mr Major had little new to offer. He is seeking to embed the record of the past 12 years. There is little attempt to seek fresh challenges.

This Queen's Speech offered the prospect of good rather than radical government. Mr Major's answer to customer dissatisfaction with monopoly public services is not to encourage private provision, but rather to improve standards with a whole series of charters (for parents, patients and so on) and with legislation to strengthen the powers of regulators over privatised utilities.

Since Mr Major took over, the rhetoric has been toned down and changed in certain places (notably in attitudes towards the health service), and some of the rough edges of Thatcherism have been filed away (replacing the poll tax by the council tax). Competition is being increased in the gas and water industries. The privatisation of state concerns such as British Rail and British Coal will continue after the election, but in general, the boundaries between the state and private sectors are being allowed to settle down after the upheavals of the past decade.

Just before yesterday's State Opening of Parliament, against the martial background of a Guards band marching down Whitehall, a senior minister discussed with me the shifts since last November. "We've changed the language. We've ended the earlier confusion about what the state should do. The government never had any serious intention of privatising health and other services. But sometimes people might have thought so because of what Mrs Thatcher said. But John has clarified that by repeating the credo about maintaining the NHS. There is a new consensus. Health and education are, like defence and law and order, being treated as core responsibilities of the state."

There is a lot to be said for this approach. It goes with the grain of public opinion. Many popular complaints about public services are less to do with their basic quality than with annoying delays in provision. The various charters laying down standards of service may help to tackle these difficulties, but some lack teeth for enforcement and redress, and some are poor substitutes for greater competition.

When not being the party tub-thumper, Mr Major has shown a skilful populist touch that Harold Wilson would have envied. Like the White House, Downing Street is a "bully pulpit", which can be used to spotlight and encourage various causes, from cricket in schools to the role of women at work. Last November, when he became prime minister, Mr Major said he wanted to see a country "at ease with itself". Even symbols help.

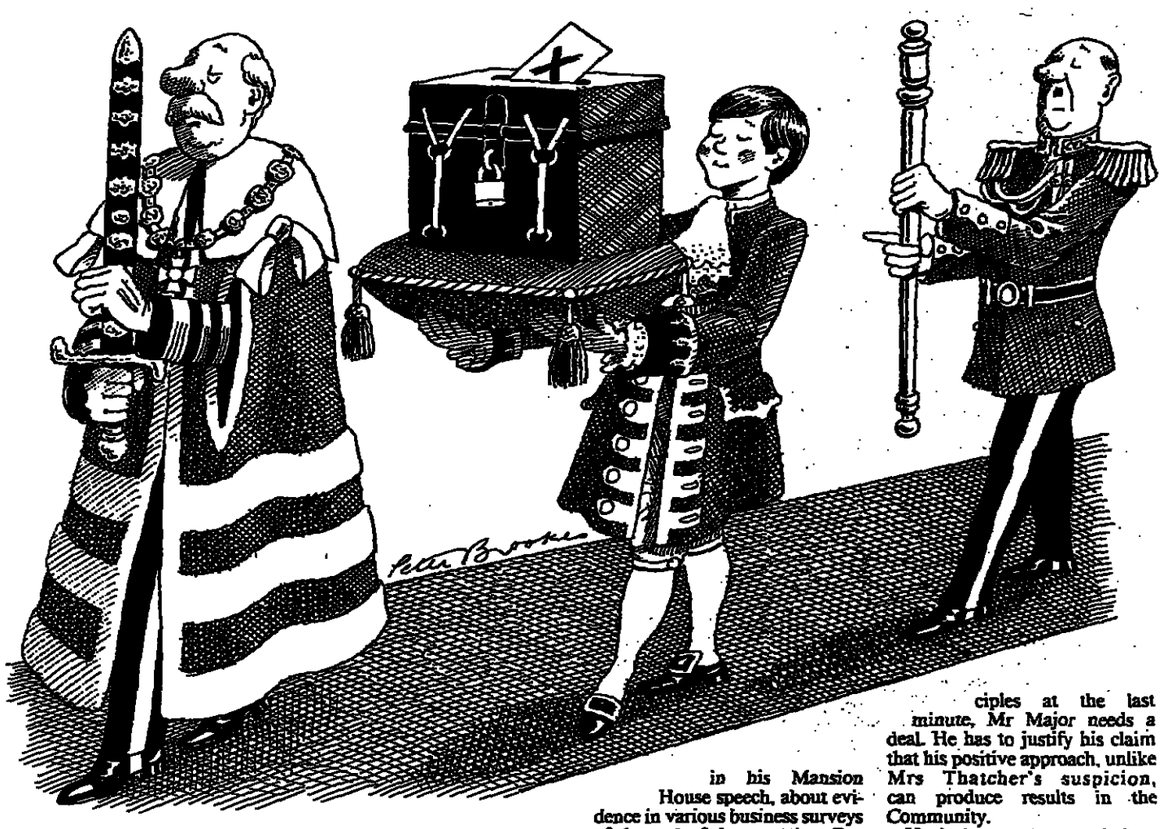
The legislation in the Queen's Speech will, in the main, provide background noise for the campaign. The exception is the replacement of the poll tax by the property-based council tax. This is the only measure the government wants to see passed before an election; party managers will be prepared to drop any other bills if the polls point to an election in late February or March. However, the council tax is full of headaches. MPs are already complaining both about the losers compared with the poll tax and the complexities of the eight separate valuation bands.

Otherwise, as yesterday's debate suggested, the election will be decided by issues such as the state of the economy, the health service and the outcome of the Maastricht summit on European monetary and political union. On all three, it is possible for ministers to detect chinks of light. Norman Lamont has been able to talk this week, as he did last night in his Mansion House speech, about evidence in various business surveys of the end of the recession. But the start of recovery is still fragile and may not be strong by the time of the election. William Waldegrave's counter-attacks on the health service may have stopped the rot and exposed weaknesses in Labour's approach, but this is still a very vulnerable area for the Tories.

After the latest proposals on economic and monetary union, ministers are slightly more confident that an agreement acceptable to Britain – and the Tory party – can be agreed at Maastricht. But it is still touch and go over political union. Although Downing Street has been making predictably tough comments about not fudging its basic principles at the last minute, Mr Major needs a deal. He has to justify his claim that his positive approach, unlike Mrs Thatcher's suspicion, can produce results in the Community.

If a deal cannot be agreed, there a danger not only that negotiations will drag on during the pre-election period, but that Mr Major will have a hole in his foreign policy. However, the government may present itself as a better defender of British interests than the now enthusiastically pro-European Labour party. Mr Major will have to exercise all his skills as a party manager to manoeuvre between the various interests within Europe and his own party.

His difficulty is that without the endorsement of the electorate, he still looks like a transitional leader managing the Thatcher legacy. No wonder he hankered after an election this year.



...and moreover



ALAN COREN

Being, fortunately, alone, the first thing I did was raise Chris Patten's signature to my lips, and lick it. Not an action to be pursued in public: there are a lot of peculiar people about, and you do not want to encourage their speculation that you are even more peculiar than they are.

But yesterday I was by myself, and safe to determine whether or not the blue ink signature to the letter I had just received was as personal as it purported to be; for intimacy was the essence in our remarkable new relationship, and I had to establish just how intimate he had chosen to be. He had signed it "Chris Patten", which is pretty intimate, but how else had he signed it? After I had licked it, I rubbed it with my thumb, but it refused to smudge. It was not a blue ink signature at all, it was the reproduction of a blue ink signature.

The mean-spirited will say that this constituted a lie. They will claim that the Conservative chairman, astonishing though it seems, was trying to put one over on me. He was merely affecting intimacy. I, however, was prepared to regard it as a forgivable deception. My new friend Chris is a busy and important man, and I should not wish him either to waste his precious time scribbling his name or to subject his wrist to damage from which the country he so gamely serves might suffer. He needs that wrist. Hands of influential foreigners must be pumped, members of the media must be waved at confidently, documents even more important than my letter must be signed, and, above all, in the run-up to the election, the chairman will need to hurtle around the country publicly applauding Tory candidates, shaking his fist at Labour candidates, banging on undecided doors and hammering points home on hustings platforms, and this cannot be done in a sling.

He had, after all, begun his letter "Dear Mr & Mrs Coren", and that was pretty intimate. He had also spelt our street correctly and got the postcode right. He had clearly gone to a lot of trouble. This, mind, did not stop me wondering if there were those who *had* got a real ink signature. The big spenders. But then again, perhaps there were others who had been offered only a typed signature. The little spenders. This made me feel better.

I see I have inadvertently given the game away. I had intended to tease you along a bit, allow you to imagine that the Pattens might have written to us out of the blue to ask us over for a rubber of bridge and a Chinese takeaway, but I cannot dissemble. Chris wants money off us. It is a begging letter. He is a bit strapped.

I did not discover this myself until I turned the letter over. The first page was a stirring encomium to John Major's keenness to defend me and Mrs Coren against lawlessness, keep our taxes low, improve our environment, give us the chance to play a full part in the New Britain, all that. But when I read on, I found that John and Chris could not do any of this unless I coughed up. "Please give as much as you can afford," wheedled Chris, "to make sure Britain keeps forging ahead."

This puzzled me. I had been a voter in eight general elections, and nobody had asked me for money before. Why had Chris's forbears ignored me? It could be only that the Tories had not needed my money before, which must mean that those they had previously buttonholed were not this time coming across, suggesting either that they no longer wished to, or that they could no longer afford, to, options equally unlikely to persuade a new fool to rush in where the party's traditional angels now feared to tread. Worse yet, was that party on its uppers because it could not manage its own affairs as well as it claimed to be managing mine? Why should I buy myself a government like that?

In case I should find myself unracked by these and a hundred similar doubts, Chris had enclosed a slip with his letter. Not unlike my more usual correspondence, in which blackguards offer me Ford Sierras or strings of cultured pearls in return for listening to a lecture on dodgy Spanish bungalows, it displayed eight little tickable boxes indicating the sizes of donation I might wish to make. It also had a reference in one corner. CCNPAP. I am still wondering what the CCN bit means.

Me and my shadow

AN unwelcome spectre haunted Norman Lamont at the feast last night as he delivered the annual Mansion House speech. There among the ranks of overwhelmingly Tory bankers was John Smith, the shadow chancellor. The invitation is seen by Labour as the crowning glory of Smith's so-called "cocktail offensive", in which he has wooed the city's movers and shakers over the nation's finest lunch tables. Although the invitation may not be unprecedented, it is certainly unusual.

Needless to say, the shadow chancellor was not invited by the Treasury, but by the Lord Mayor, Sir Alexander Graham, who hosted the banquet. The two men are fellow Scots, though they are not close friends. "I was glad to be asked," said Smith. "It's a proper idea to invite the Opposition spokesman with an election imminent. It was a very good opportunity for me to survey the scene and prepare my own speech for next year."

Lamont, who was making his first – and Labour hopes last – Mansion House speech, was understood to be less than delighted to see his arch-rival in the audience. The Lord Mayor, it seems, did not even consult the Chancellor about the invitation to his opposite number. But last night the Treasury would only offer a tight-lipped "no comment" when asked about its attitude to Smith's presence. "The guest list is entirely a matter for the Lord Mayor."

Chinese whispers

DON'T mention Tiananmen Square. The Chinese ministry of public security has been visiting Britain to learn about "more effective security systems", but the visitors to the Maidenhead offices of the National Approval Council for Security Systems (NACOSS) were steering clear of the delicate subject of prisons.

"The ministry is responsible for security for buildings in the public sector," says Michael Vann, chief executive of NACOSS. Such as prisons? "I can't say that was a subject of discussion. It did not seem sensible to bring it up when Douglas Hurd has just been to try to organise the Hong Kong airport agreement."

But might not NACOSS's advice be applied by the Chinese to repress the people? "Everything is open to abuse, but if you take the opposite approach and never have anything to do with them, you might lead to further oppression." Tell that to the Chinese dissidents whose cases John Major raised on his recent visit.

Ahead of his time

THE hat that inspired a thousand cartoonists is up for sale at Christie's, South Kensington. Winston Churchill's grey Homburg from the London hatters Lincoln Bennett & Co, goes under the hammer in a fortnight and is expected to raise about £5,000.

"We can't date it exactly, but we know he must have brought it after the Queen's coronation in 1953, as the hat is stamped 'By appointment to Her Majesty the Queen'," says the auction house. The hat, which is initialled in gold "W.S.C", was donated by Lady Churchill to a Tory party fete near the Churchill family home at Chartwell at Westerham, Kent, in the late 1950s. Free cigars are also promised to the successful bidder.



In the ruck

AUSTRALIA'S prime minister, Bob Hawke, will not be joining John Major at Twickenham tomorrow when Australia meet England in the Rugby World Cup final.

But Jim Bolger, the prime minister of New Zealand, will be present. He was so confident that the All Blacks would reach the final that he confirmed his attendance more than three weeks ago. Hawke, according to his office, "would not change his schedule just to fit in with a rugby match". In his place will be the high commissioner, Richard Smith.

He and Major will be among some 80 VIP guests, graded in an elaborate pecking order, who will be entertained to a slap-up pre-match lunch. The 34 most eminent guests will be ushered into the wood-panelled president's room. At the head of the Twickenham president's procession will be the Queen, shadowed by Russell Thomas, the Rugby World Cup chairman.

Others enjoying the four-course lunch will be John Major (without Norma) and Neil and Glenys Kinnock. The Labour leader's disappointment at the Welsh performance in the competition will surely be tempered when he finds that while he enjoys the five-star treatment, the Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker, has been relegated to a buffet in the committee room.

The Kinnocks will also join Major in the royal box. Other government ministers, including Kenneth Clarke and the sports minister, Robert Atkins, will be relegated to the row behind.

"I'm afraid they come bottom of the order," says Roger Godfrey of the Rugby Football Union. "Our royal guests are top of our list, then the rugby people, and then the politicians."

● *The police sniffer-dog search of the Houses of Parliament before the Queen's Speech at yesterday's State Opening was not the only one conducted. Dressed in scarlet tunics, armed with spears and holding gas lanterns, 11 Yeomen of the Guard conducted their ritual search of the cellars. Now in its 386th year, the search is carried out in memory of Guy Fawkes's Gunpowder Plot against King James I. The Yeomen themselves, however, are modest about their role. As one put it: "Vital as we are, the most important element is the ceremonial glass of port afterwards. The search is supposed to take an hour. We tend to finish in 10 minutes."*

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HALF-WAY THERE

For a man who has just presided over a crippling recession and whose party is dangerously behind in the polls, Norman Lamont sounded remarkably jaunty last night at the Guildhall. And for all his past misjudgments, the Chancellor deserves to enjoy a modicum of self-satisfaction.

The economy has now clearly passed the low point of the recession, even if, as the chairman of ICI said yesterday, there is still no evidence of outright recovery. The pound has survived its first year of membership of the ERM, the European exchange-rate mechanism, albeit at the cost of a long winter of needlessly high interest rates. Inflation has come down further and faster than almost anyone expected, although the price in job losses and bankruptcies has been higher than either the Treasury or private economists forecast a year ago. The Chancellor was justified in painting a happier picture last night than the one presented by his next door neighbour in Downing Street at the same occasion last year.

So far, so good; but should the Chancellor be doing more? Is it within his power to generate a robust recovery that might be recognised as such not only by professional statisticians, but also by the chairman of ICI, to say nothing of ordinary businessmen, consumers – and voters?

His answer is no. First, he is worried that sterling's position in the ERM might be jeopardised by any further cuts in interest rates. The last thing he wants to do is to cut rates now, only to have to put them up later, because sterling cannot take the strain. Secondly, Mr Lamont believes that the die is now cast in electoral terms. The economic models show that a monetary easing today would have little or no impact on growth, consumption and unemployment until the second half of next year. In any case, the Chancellor's advisers tell him that lower rates are unnecessary since economic conditions are set fair for growth of around 2 per cent in the year ahead.

While each of these arguments contains an element of truth, none of them is conclusive. The political case for inaction is the least convincing, since further reductions in interest rates would put money straight into the pockets of homeowners and small businessmen. Their appreciation would be immediate, even if the macro-economic impact took months to show through.

The ERM objection to lowering rates is also dubious. Sterling interest rates are currently 1½ points above German interest rates, while inflation in both currencies has converged at around 4 per cent. It would be over-optimistic to believe that London could match or even undercut Frankfurt's interest rates for an extended period, since it will take years for Britain to match Germany's reputation as a non-inflationary home for international funds. But sterling's performance in the ERM does not preclude a further narrowing of the interest gap with Germany. In fact, the pound is slightly higher today than it was in mid-February, when Mr Lamont announced the first interest rate cut of the ERM era.

This leaves the last and most substantial argument against a further easing of monetary policy – the Treasury's apparent belief that the economy is doing well enough already and that additional stimulus now would sow the seeds of future inflation.

On the face of it, the present depressed state of the economy may not seem to justify such anxieties. But judgment is best suspended until the Treasury publishes its economic forecasts and public spending plans next Wednesday. If it then comes up with convincing reasons why strong growth or higher inflation is in prospect for next year, his current caution may be justified. If the Chancellor is planning on a pre-election giveaway through public spending, monetary caution will be essential. But if the Treasury forecasts fail to produce compelling evidence, the case for doing nothing will begin to look decidedly threadbare.

ZAMBIA'S HOUR

Zambia was under a state of emergency yesterday as its people flocked enthusiastically to the polls to choose a new president and parliament. The polls, the first free multi-party elections since 1968, were the novelty: Zambia has, after all, been under a state of emergency since independence in 1964. After 27 years of one-man rule by President Kenneth Kaunda, Zambia's emergency is now real enough. Dr Kaunda's brew of "love and humanism", state socialism and one-man rule, has ruined a country which once was richer than South Africa.

Yesterday's atmosphere was good-humoured. This reflects Zambians' pride in being the first formerly British African country to be given the chance to deliver a peaceful, genuinely democratic verdict on a "father of the nation." This is a generation of politicians most Africans now hold in scant respect. The Zambian opposition, the new Movement for Multi-party Democracy, has campaigned under the slogan, "The hour has come." The opinion polls suggest that the desire for change is strong.

Dr Kaunda has promised to abandon his economic policies if elected. Few believe him willing or able to do so. Frederick Chiluba, his rival for the presidency, formerly a marxist trade unionist, is a free marketeer. His supporters believe that so great is the disaffection of ordinary Zambians that they will prefer reality, however tough, to the president's fantasy world of increasingly eccentric schemes. Dr Kaunda's latest involves the Maharishi Yogi, though even he might find it hard to find a way of levitating a nation so prostrate.

The campaign run by the ruling United National Independence Party has relied not on its record in government, which it has given up trying to defend, but on warnings of "chaos" if Zambians dispense with "KK". Party television broadcasts have run emotive footage of African refugees and victims of civil war. Dr Kaunda's boast that Zambia has been at peace since independence is not without force. Of the seven countries bordering Zambia three – Angola, Mozambique and Zimbabwe – have gone through terrible civil wars and refugees are pouring across its northern frontier from Zaire.

Political stability has, however, been accompanied by economic disaster. A country which began independent life with £2 billion in foreign exchange reserves owes foreign creditors nearly £5 billion. Despite its rich soils and good rainfall, Zambia is having to import maize, the staple food, from South Africa. Average incomes, worth £7 a month at realistic exchange rates, have fallen by a third since the mid-1970s and inflation is 100 per cent. The country is reverting to a subsistence economy. A book by the shadow finance minister, Akashambata Mbikusita-Lewanika, is titled *Milk in a Basket, an apt image for chronic waste.*

Even the government admits the catastrophic state of education, water supply and transport. Tottering health services cannot cope with the most basic needs. They are overwhelmed by the problems of up to half a million urban dwellers estimated to be HIV-positive. Mr Chiluba has been frank about the time recovery will take, even under fresh leadership. He is committed to fiscal discipline and deep cuts in a civil service bloated by political patronage. He intends to privatise state enterprises, free markets and abolish subsidies. These policies would mean more hardship, but the simplest farmer can calculate that it makes no sense for the state to fix the price of maize at 12 per cent of the cost of production.

Whether or not Dr Kaunda is voted out of office, the fact of free elections will have echoes in such strongholds of one-man rule as Kenya and Malawi. The heart of this election's message is primarily political, not economic. People are prepared to accept real hardship. They are not however prepared to have it imposed. If sacrifices there have to be, they must be accompanied by political reform. With the right to vote must go open, accountable government. Simple tenets of democracy these, but in an African context, they represent a real and welcome revolution.

BUTTER IN THE WORKS

Consider this morning the butter you spread on your toast. The makers of that yellow sliver (not the cows, the dairies) have connived at an act of censorship, carried out by European Community fiat. The Independent Television Commission (ITC), acting on legal advice, has banned all television advertising for a margarine called "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!" Apparently the brand name infringes an EC regulation outlawing advertising which uses the word "butter" to promote anything but butter. As a result consumers are deprived of information about a new product which coyly describes itself as "a vegetable fat spread high in polyunsaturates, low in saturates and with virtually no cholesterol."

Nobody, least of all the dairy industry, believes that the public will find the slightest difficulty in distinguishing this margarine from butter well before they come to taste it. Indeed a spokesman for its manufacturers commented: "We're not saying it's butter; we're saying it's not butter. We can't see what the problem is." The company's television commercials were not banned to protect the consumer, who might prefer margarine for health reasons. The commercials were banned solely to protect the interests of the dairy lobby, a group so feather-bedded by Brussels that it has the power to strangle new rivals at birth.

A sharper eye should be kept on the implications of a mass of EC regulations. Too often Brussels seems to be a pushover for every determined lobbyist. Already there are reports that "knocking copy" will be banned, so the Avises of the world will no longer be able to boast that they "try harder". An EC-wide prohibition of cigarette advertising is also well advanced, ostensibly on the grounds of health, but in fact largely to preserve local tobacco monopolies (already profiting from EC subsidies for tobacco crops) from heavily advertised American brands. The French want to stop alcohol advertising: ostensibly for the sake of livers, actually to protect their plonk against the threat from imported Californian and Australian wines.

This creeping censorship undermines an important liberty. If a product can be sold legally, its maker should be free to advertise it in an honest, truthful and decent fashion. Consumers will then be in a position to make up their own minds. The supine ITC should reconsider its ill-considered ban and use this as a test case.

Free competition requires freedom for the the public to learn about new products. People may not want to spread "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" on their bread; they may even think it has an artificial taste. But that should be the consumer's decision. In the meantime this absurdly named margarine should be trumpeted from the rooftops – and on ITV.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Looking at Europe with a fresher and wider vision

From Dr A. E. Hanwell

Sir, I feel hijacked by the movement towards European union. In 1975 I voted for a common market which I understood to mean a free market without barriers and believed that this would lead to a greater co-operation/harmonisation between the countries of Europe. It did not occur to me that I was helping to create a centralised European state.

Many Scots are plainly uncomfortable under Westminster rule and such feelings will be magnified and shared by all UK citizens when our affairs are more fully subject to the Brussels superstate.

Advocates for Europe point to the 1975 referendum to support any moves towards economic, monetary or political union, but I did not vote for that. Am I too late to ask to be consulted again?

Yours sincerely,
A. E. HANWELL,
Flat 15, 39 Beaufort Gardens, SW3.
October 29.

From Mr G. L. Chapman-Hatchett

Sir, With the agreement allowing free trade between Efta and the European Community is it not time that we withdrew from the EC and joined Efta and then we could revert to being a member of the "common market" that we were originally led to believe we were joining?

Yours etc.,
G. L. CHAPMAN-HATCHETT,
76 High Street,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
October 28.

From Lord Bethell, MEP for London North West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Your leading article, "Moonshine over Strasbourg" (October 29), shows how sceptical you are of the value of the European Parliament in its present form. You write that we have not covered ourselves with glory, that it is hard to take us seriously, that we should reduce our bloated privileges and that we should learn to crawl before aspiring to walk.

In one area you are correct. It is hard for you to take us seriously if the Commission, the people we should be supervising, does not take us seriously. The remedy, though, is in the 12 governments' hands. They should give us power to control the civil servants, the task assigned to us under the treaties.

The British civil service is in awe of the British Parliament. This is as it should be. Elected front-bench parliamentarians control civil servants, while elected back-benchers can embarrass them through parliamentary questions or the media. They may say "yes, minister", meaning "no, minister", but in the end they do what the minister orders.

The unelected Commission is under no such control and I do not agree with you that this democratic deficit can only be remedied at the expense of the Council of Ministers. At least we are elected and we have contact with the Commission, in committee and in plenary, whereas the Council has almost none. Under the present constitution it has no means of calling the Commission to account, let alone disciplining it.

In asking us to learn to crawl before we are allowed to walk, you are asking a hobbled horse to do well in a race. But if you increase our powers vis-a-vis the Commission, giving us the right to approve its appointments, to call it before our committees at our convenience and, if necessary, dismiss its members individually, then we will be free to do a better job as supervisors. Then the commissioners will answer our letters in due time and their staff will return our telephone calls.

Even in the complicated matter of legislation we can be given more power, but at the Commission's expense, not the Council's. Why should the Commission be uniquely empowered to propose legislation? Why should the Commission be involved, other than on a technical civil-servant basis, in the final second-reading process? These are jobs for the elected representatives – the MEPs – and the Council of Ministers. The former can be given more powers here too, but not at the latter's or the House of Commons's expense.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS BETHELL,
House of Lords.

From Mr Amédée Turner, QC, MEP for Suffolk (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Your leader espies "moonshine over Strasbourg". It throws shadows which must terrify your poor readers – the Commission evolving into an embryo European government, and the Council of Ministers shrinking into a "sort of upper chamber or senate of nations".

But I do not know of anybody suggesting either of the above horrors. The main proposal is for the Commission's power to be reduced to prevent it from unilaterally changing draft proposals.

As for the Council of Ministers, it has a number of roles, one of which has always been called by constitutional purists "an upper chamber". No one has ever before suggested cutting the Council down to such a role alone.

Yours faithfully,
AMÉDÉE TURNER (Chief Whip, European Democratic Group),
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October 29.

From Mr Christopher Jackson, MEP for Kent East (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Mr Bevington (letter, October 28) calls for a clear definition of subsidiarity, which he terms "vague". May I commend to him the following?

The European Community shall only act to carry out those tasks which may be undertaken more effectively in common than by the Member States acting separately, in particular those whose execution requires action by the Community because their dimension or effects extend beyond national boundaries.

This is taken (with the words "European Community" replacing the word "Union") from the European Parliament's draft treaty on union of February 1984, in which it was included on a proposal from a Conservative MEP.

As a guiding principle subsidiarity is of fundamental importance for the development of the EC along a path which avoids unnecessary centralisation. The need for interpretation of "more effectively" in certain circumstances is clear, but such need for interpretation is shared with many fundamental principles ("love thy neighbour . . . ") and laws and does not detract from their importance. I am confident that subsidiarity will, to our benefit, feature in the treaty emerging from Maastricht.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON,
8 Wellmeade Drive,
Sevenoaks, Kent.
October 30.

A grievance and a lap-top to declare

From Mr James Bryant

Sir, I returned from the USA to Gatwick airport last week, after a short visit during which I had bought a lap-top computer of a type not yet available in the UK. I declared it at customs and confirmed that my employers, who were to pay for it, would wish to reclaim the VAT which I was about to be charged.

I was required to complete a form which asked 54 questions. None of them was unreasonable, but they were asked in a jargon which did not make clear what information was actually required, and they required that answers were expressed in a code rather than in plain English. The customs officer further explained that he was not allowed to assist me to complete the form and suggested that I employ a customs agent to do so for me, at a cost of some £40-£50.

When I elected to complete the form myself I was given three large volumes of badly-indexed guidance. If I had not been given advice by a fellow-sufferer who had been through it before I doubt that I would have been successful in completing the form. It took me over 80 minutes.

I then discovered that although incoming holidaymakers may pay duty and VAT on the spot, and use credit cards or personal cheques to do so, a commercial importation (which is how they classified it) may only be paid in cash or with a banker's draft – and at another office in the cargo area of the airport, some five miles from the passenger terminal. I therefore had to draw a large amount of cash from the bank on the airport and spend £7 on a taxi to get to the other side of the airport to pay my duty and VAT. The whole procedure took nearly three hours.

The citizen's charter is intended to reduce unreasonable burdens placed on the public by public servants. Urgent action should be taken under the charter to reform the system I have just suffered under.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES M. BRYANT,
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Newbury,
Berkshire.
October 24.

Traffic growth

From the Executive Director of Transport 2000

Sir, Richard Diment (letter, October 22) says that road traffic growth in The Netherlands will still be 35 per cent until 2005, even with the government-funded doubling of rail capacity. He neglects to mention that without this, traffic growth would have been 70 per cent and that the Dutch government has rejected road building as a solution and envisages further reductions in traffic growth.

Contrast this with the British government's road-building programme to cater for inter-urban traffic growth, while public transport stagnates. Or with demands from Mr Diment's own British Road Federation to wipe out even more irreplaceable wildlife habitats by even more roads to cater for even more traffic.

No wonder British environmental groups have had to call in the European Commission.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN JOSEPH,
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10 Melton Street, NW1.

Suicide allegation

From Mr Derek Humphry

Sir, In the interests of fair and accurate reporting I hope that you will allow me to respond to the report, "Doctor questioned after suicides", which appeared in some editions of your newspaper yesterday.

The report said that my former wife, who committed suicide last month, left letters accusing me of precipitating her death. I emphatically deny her false allegation. I had not spoken to or communicated with her in the two years prior to her death except through lawyers in relation to legal proceedings that she had brought against me.

Yours sincerely,
DEREK HUMPHRY
(Executive Director),
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October 25.

Costs and the NHS

From Mrs Lucianne Sawyer

Sir, Some friends of mine suffered the same disaster as the man Professor Langton Hewer referred to (letters, October 16, 24) except it was the wife, aged 52, who had the stroke.

Although her husband had a history of illness, and was armed with a letter from his GP to say he should not have to take on the heavy day-to-day care for his wife, the case conference, which I attended with him, recommended discharge home.

A stairlift was supplied, so they can sometimes get out, but no other help or support was provided. He had to take early retirement, so will have a reduced pension. He cares for her day and night and does all the household chores.

Now, four years on, his patience with her is near snapping; she has lost her speech. What was once a loving relationship is likely to end with much greater cost to the public purse.

No one as dependent as this should be discharged without adequate support and monitoring.

Yours sincerely,
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October 24.

Village independence

From Mr P. R. Neale and others

Sir, Your leading article on Cleeve Prior's declaration of independence (October 22) misconstrues our motives. Who says that we want our village to be gypsy-free? Certainly none of our spokesmen. Nor can we see where the "not in our backyard" concept comes from.

Yes, we will accept a small gypsy site; it is only right and proper that we should. What we ask is that the size of the village is taken into account.

Cleeve Prior is a village of a little over 400, not a vast metropolis. Surely the county and district councils should be looking at the area as a whole when assessing the size and position of sites. Most villages could cope with a gypsy site; but that site must be one that can be integrated with the village comfortably.

If we are asked to accommodate a small number of travellers – e.g., five pitches, with ten caravans – we will do our best to mix and share our village facilities with them. But a big site will create a cold war, with fear and mistrust on both sides.

Yours faithfully,
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October 24.

Service not slogans

From Mr J. A. Gere, FBA

Sir, The absurdity of swathing a railway train in 2,000 yards of black silk as an advertisement for a new InterCity service (Professor Ballantyne's letter, October 25) reinforces the impression that public utilities are increasingly in the hands of gimmick-obsessed advertising executives.

Their hope is that the shortcomings of essential monopolies like public transport and telephones can somehow be mitigated by the introduction of a new logo or by a catchy slogan of the kind effective in selling commodities that do permit an element of choice, such as soap-powder, political parties, or cat food.

The logo of British Telecom ("It's you we answer to"), until recently a neat little circle enclosing a capital "T", is now a seemingly nude figure of indeterminate sex apparently dancing in ecstasy while playing a double pipe. Similarly, the names of some British Rail suburban stations are now preceded by the wholly insincere message, "Welcome to . . . ".

What has all this cost, and what good has it done? Has it induced anyone to make one extra telephone call or one additional railway journey?

Yours etc.,
J. A. GERE,
21 Lamont Road, SW10.
October 27.

Army cutbacks

From Mr Edward Hay

Sir, What I find so curious about the proposed cuts in the army is that three battalions of The Parachute Regiment and two battalions of the Gurkhas are being retained. The Parachute Regiment has not performed in its original role since Suez. It is improbable that troops will be required ever again to jump out of aeroplanes: helicopters will be used instead.

The retention of the Gurkhas is odder still. The regiment was formed long after Scottish regiments that are now due for amalgamation. The Gurkhas have never been employed in Northern Ireland and it is hard to see quite what role they will have in the future.

If the Gurkhas were disbanded and The Parachute Regiment was reduced to one battalion, three Scottish regiments and one English would survive.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD HAY,
16 Worfield Street, SW11.
October 25.

From Mr David M. Riddel

Sir, Some years ago Arthur Scargill fought hard, and failed, to keep in existence old coal mines which were no longer viable with the inevitable break-up of old mining communities. In what way are old regiments different?

Yours truly,
DAVID M. RIDDEL,
Beco Dos Frias 22,
Funchal 9000,
Madeira, Portugal.
October 25.

Revival of canals

From the Solicitor and Secretary of British Waterways

Sir, Contrary to Mrs Lindy Foster's assertions (letter, October 19) British Waterways is committed to reviving and safeguarding the country's canal system which is a unique and priceless feature of the nation's heritage. The bill currently being promoted in Parliament is designed to provide a safe and high-quality environment for users and those who live alongside our waterways which we are determined to conserve and enhance for the benefit of future generations.

The bill would also enable British Waterways to use its property assets in such a way as to generate income to plough back into improving the waterway environment. British Waterways has sought in the bill to have imposed upon it a legal duty to take account of environment considerations and recreational needs in managing the waterways.

Under the 1968 Transport Act, British Waterways is only obliged to maintain "remainder" waterways in a manner consistent with the requirements of public health and the preservation of safety and amenity.

However, it has been publicly acknowledged over many years that British Waterways has encouraged and assisted waterway-interest groups and local authorities to restore unnavigable canals and improve many other navigable waterways for the benefit of local communities and the nation as a whole. Indeed, we have twice promoted acts of Parliament specifically for that purpose.

British Waterways is only seeking to extinguish obsolete and unexercised rights of commercial value established at the time that construction of individual canals was authorised by Parliament some 150 to 200 years ago. Their continued theoretical existence causes genuine operational difficulties on a canal system now used primarily for recreation.

The bill has recently been rigorously examined by a select committee of the House of Lords before which Mrs Foster gave evidence. Their lordships concluded that the additional powers British Waterways was seeking should be granted and that the bill with the amendments we proposed at that stage should proceed on its course through Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. DUFFY,
Solicitor and Secretary,
British Waterways,
Greycaine Road,
Watford, Hertfordshire.
October 23.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number – (071) 782 5046.

Conveyancing fees

From Mr D. H. J. Furbank

Sir, I might have had more sympathy with the defence of his members by the secretary-general of the Law Society (letter, October 25), had I not recently received quotes of £705, £1,120 and £500 from three solicitors for their fees in connection with the straightforward sale of this unencumbered, registered freehold property, with four bedrooms and one acre of ground.

A licensed conveyancer appeared to be more competitive with a quote of £260 – until, that is, I bought for £7.95 a book on the subject. The foreword contained the words: "If an MP can do conveyancing, any idiot can." I now just wonder on which one I can best rely.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. J. FURBANK,
The Longfield,
Llanblethian, South Glamorgan.
October 26.

Economic indicator

From Mr J. A. J. Berry

Sir, I disagree with Mr Simon (letter, October 29) and feel sure that the recession is over; smart London restaurateurs begin again when one asks to reserve a table for "tonight".

Yours faithfully,
JAMIE BERRY,
Gowan House,
71 Gowan Avenue, SW6.
October 29.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 31: The Queen, accompanied by The Prince and Princess of Wales, went in State to the Palace of Westminster today to open the Session of *Parliament*.

Her Majesty and Their Royal Highnesses drove in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, and were received at the Sovereign's Entrance by the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Earl Marshal.

Guards of Honour were provided at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard, mounted by 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards and at the Palace of Westminster by the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

A dismounted Staircase Party of the Household Cavalry was on duty at Victoria Tower, *House of Lords*.

Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery and from the Tower of London Saluting Battery by the Honourable Artillery Company.

The Imperial State Crown, the Sword of State and the Cap of Maintenance were conveyed previously to the House of Lords in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Regalia Escort of the Household Cavalry.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms was on duty in the Prince's Chamber and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard was on duty in the House of Lords.

The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting and the Pages of Honour to The Queen were in attendance at the Palace of Westminster.

The Queen and The Prince and Princess of Wales returned to Buckingham Palace and were received by the Lord Chamberlain and the Vice-Chamberlain of the Household.

This afternoon the Right Hon James Bolger (Prime Minister of New Zealand) and Mrs Bolger were received by The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 31: This afternoon The Princess Royal, President, the Missions to Seamen, attended a fundraising Reception organised by Ladies of the London Flying Angel Committee at Trinity House, Tower Hill, and was received by the Deputy Master, Chairman, Board of Trinity House (Captain P.M. Edge).

This evening Her Royal Highness, Upper Warden, Worshipful Company of Loriners, *attended the Loriners Charity* Ball, Whitbread Brewery, Chiswell Street.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 31: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon opened the extension to the Ferens Art Gallery, Hull.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 31: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present at the State Opening of Parliament this morning.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Gala Performance of *The Four Feathers* at the National Film Theatre in aid of the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare and the National Advertising Benevolent Society.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 31: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, this afternoon opened Woodlands Respite Care Centre, Thief Lane, Hull Road, York, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 31: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Leicestershire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Timothy Brooks).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Modula Manufacturing Plant of Invicta Plastics Limited, Oadby, Leicester.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester opened Leicester Constabulary Training Centre and later laid the foundation stone at the site of Leicester Polytechnic's School of Engineering and Manufacture.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 31: The Duchess of Gloucester *was present at the* State Opening of Parliament this morning.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 31: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, today visited the University of Surrey, Guildford.

Captain the Hon Tom Coke was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President of the King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, this afternoon reopened Beaumont House, Beaumont Street, London W1 and presided over the Council Meeting.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, today visited Wales and opened the new Day Centre at Ty Olwen, Morriston Hospital, Swansea and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Glamorgan (Sir Michael Llewellyn, Bt); and this evening attended a fashion show in the City Hall, Cardiff and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards).

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr E. Barret and Miss V.L. Trotman
The engagement is announced between Eamonn, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Barret, of Midsomer Norton, Somerset, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Trotman, of Woodborough, Nottinghamshire.

Mr A.J. Clay and Miss J.S. FitzHerbert
The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs *Glynne Clay*, of Nantyderry, Gwent, and Sarah, twin daughter of the late Rev *David FitzHerbert, MC, and of* Mrs FitzHerbert, of Alsa Lodge, Stansted.

Mr G.E. Findlay and Miss J.E. Robson
Mr and Mrs D.G. Robson, of The Drey, Swanland, East Yorkshire, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter Jane Elizabeth to Graham Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs D.E. Findlay, of Hamilton, formerly of Winteringham, Lincolnshire.

Mr N.S. Gliksten and Miss P.L. Sharpe
The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of the late Mr David *Gliksten* and of Mrs Jean Stockman, of London, NW1, and Paula, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Sharpe, of Woodlands Park, Bexley, Kent.

Captain A.P. Hendry and Miss L.H.W. Dennis
The engagement is announced between Captain Athol Hendry, Royal Tank Regiment, elder son of Mr A.P. Hendry, of Oakley, Bedfordshire, and Mrs R.M. Hendry, of Bedford, and Lucy, younger daughter of Major General and Mrs A.W. *Dennis*, of Browninghill Farm, Baughurst, Hampshire.

Mr I.C. Hutchinson and Miss C.J. Broughton
The engagement is announced *between Ian Conyers*, son of Mrs Win Hutchinson and the late Mr John Hutchinson, *of Chiswick, London, and* Charlotte Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex Broughton, of Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Mr H.B. Lloyd and Miss J.M. Freeland
The engagement is announced between Henry, youngest son of Sir Richard and Lady Lloyd, of Sundridge, Kent, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Freeland, of Chilson, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.T. Lovett-Turner and Mrs S.M. Curtis
The engagement is announced between Paul Tailby, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Lovett-Turner, of Chedworth, Gloucestershire, and Sherrie Maria Curtis (nee Edwards) only daughter of Mr Ayden Edwards, of Shirley, Surrey, and Mrs Josephine Schouwenaar, of High Ham, Somerset.

Mr W.M. Luttman-Johnson and Miss L.J. Adams
The engagement is announced between William, only son of Mr and the Hon Mrs P.M. Luttman-Johnson, of Lodsworth, West Sussex, and Lucilla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Adams, of Earls Colne, Essex.

The Macdonald of Rammerscales and Miss K. MacInnes
The engagement is announced *between Malcolm, only son of* the late Alan Bell Macdonald of Rammerscales and of Mrs *Rhona Bell Macdonald*, of Cockethill, Rammerscales, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, and *Katherine, only daughter of Mr* Ewen MacInnes and the late Mrs Audrey MacInnes, of *Warringa, Dubbo, New South* Wales.

Mr N.H. Olesen and Mrs R.A. Glynne-Percy
The engagement is announced between Niels, eldest son of the late Mr Harald Olesen and of Mrs Elisabeth Olesen, of West Lexham Hall, Norfolk, and Fiona, widow of Richard Glynne-Percy, elder daughter of Major General and Mrs Patrick MacLellan.

Mr R.G. Smee and Mrs K.S. Hanna
The engagement is announced between Roger Guy, son of Mr and Mrs D. Smee, of Shinfield, Berkshire, and Karen Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Hawkins, of Peppard, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr I.D.M. Vellacott and Miss P.R. Laing
The engagement is announced between Iain, son of Mr and Mrs David Vellacott, of Alresford, Hampshire, and *Pamela Rose*, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Laing, of Chipstead, Surrey.

Mr E. Wetter Sánchez and Miss J.F.C. Goad
The engagement is announced between Erik, son of Albert Wetter and Maria Luisa Sánchez de Wetter, of Stockholm, Sweden, and Jane Frances Cassandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Goad, of South Park, Blechingley, Surrey.

Mr T. Woodard and Miss M. Broughton
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Group Captain and Mrs J.F. Woodard, of Hillingdon, Middlesex, and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.H. Broughton, of Great Bookham, Surrey.

Founders' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Founders' Company for the ensuing year: *Master*, Mr B.D. Farmer; Upper Warden, Mr G.E. Lunt; Under Warden, Mr D.H. Lindop.

OBITUARIES

MARIO SCELBA

Mario Scelba, a former prime minister of Italy, died on October 29 aged 90. He was born on September 5, 1901.

MARIO Scelba, one of the founders of the Christian Democratic party, served as Italy's prime minister *from 1954 to 1955 but* was best known for his tough anti-communist stand as interior minister in the difficult period from 1947 to 1953. He was that strange combination of a politician wedded to parliamentary democracy who is willing, eager even, to apply authoritarian measures in its defence. He had seen democracy succumb to tyranny and that was why he was such a vigorous defender of it. The communists, who were influential in the partisan movement during the war, wanted to keep their political and military positions. They also controlled the trade unions. Scelba, as minister of the interior, was confronted by political strikes, riots and demonstrations. And he dealt firmly with them. The police, purged of partisans associated with the communists, came to be called *Scelbieri*.

More than any other Christian Democratic politician Scelba stood for the traditional centre coalition of all democratic parties based on a strong anti-Communist appeal. To a greater extent than almost any other *of his colleagues he stood by his* opinions, whether leading a government or virtually leading the opposition to change within the ranks of the Christian Democratic party. By the time of his death Scelba's views had long been overtaken by events.

Son of a peasant farmer, Mario *Scelba was born at Caltagirone in* eastern Sicily. This was also the birthplace of Don Luigi Sturzo, founder of the Popular Party which was the precursor of Christian *Democracy as the official* Catholic political party. Impressed by his attitude and ability, Don Sturzo is said to have paid for his university fees; he then made him his secretary and assistant. With a law degree, Scelba began an active career as a journalist. Don Sturzo's influence and example determined his political outlook. During the Fascist period, when Don Sturzo was forced *into* exile, Scelba retired from political life and concentrated on his legal practice in Rome.

As the war drew to an end he was close to De Gasperi in the organisation of the Christian Democratic party. He was given the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs under Parri and in De Gasperi's first two administrations. In the next five governments led by De Gasperi Scelba held the Ministry of the Interior.

During this period he established his public character as a firm opponent of communism, using all means available and, where necessary, manufacturing new ones, to defeat extremism. Though most of what he did was aimed against the Communists there should be no doubt of Scelba's genuine dislike of *Fascism. His detractors* say that by nature he would have moved towards Fascism if it had not been for the accident of his friendship with Don Sturzo. Given that accidents, particularly in Italian politics, count for a lot he should be given the credit due to a man who remained faithful *to the principles which he adopted.*

As prime minister from 1954 to 1955 he maintained the traditional centre coalition and there can be no question that his administration was far from reactionary. In fact, one of his objections to the centre-left was that its advocates were proposing *scarcely anything that he had not* himself favoured when in office, and with more reliable allies. He refused office in centre-left administrations though later, as the formula became to be accepted as without any reasonable alternative, he allowed his followers to take places in



coalition governments shared with the Socialists.

He came back to his old post at the Ministry of the Interior in the government which Signor Fanfani formed after the riots of the summer of 1960 but that was not a coalition which included the Socialists. He made himself the spokesman of the conservative wing of his party, constantly warning his colleagues against taking the Socialists at their word in the matter of breaking with the Communists. He wanted action from them in the form of breaking with their former allies of the extreme left at all levels. This they were gradually to undertake though whether they would have done so in the natural course of events – which seems likely – or only because Scelba and his friends pressed so insistently for it is a matter largely of conjecture.

When the Christian Democratic party itself moved more to the right in order to recuperate votes in that direction Scelba naturally could have expected to have a part to play. Early in 1965 he took over the chairmanship of the party.

Scelba was minister of the interior for the last time under Fanfani between 1960 and 1962, but refused a ministry in the subsequent government led by Fanfani which admitted for the first time the Socialists to the cabinet. He was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 1963, and to the senate in 1968. He was a senator from then until he retired from active politics in 1983.

Between 1969 and 1971 Mario Scelba was president of the European parliament, and while a senator he was for a time also president of the senate's foreign affairs commission.

In what was probably his last interview, almost exactly a year ago, Scelba denied being responsible in the 1950s for crushing riots and demonstrations by peasants and factory workers with unnecessary violence. Contemporary reports spoke of jeeps with screaming tyres and sirens, bearing their helmeted occupants with automatic rifles towards trouble. He was reported to be ready to use armoured cars and tanks. But Scelba reflected: "People died because the police and the Carabinieri had the habit of shooting during strikes and demonstrations.... It was the legacy of the 19th-century. I built a police force that used the baton instead of the pistol, the water-hose instead of the machine-gun. In my life I never gave the police the order to open fire."

Mario Scelba is survived by a daughter, Maria Luisa.

JAMES JOHNSTON



James Johnston as Calaf in *Turandot*

James Johnston, tenor, died in Belfast aged 88, or perhaps a little more, on October 17. He was uncommunicative about his birth date, but it has been quoted as August 17, 1903.

NORTHERN Ireland has produced few finer tenors than James Johnston. He quickly became first choice for Italian operas, sung always in English, after he joined the Sadler's Wells Company in Rosebery Avenue after the war. When he moved to Covent Garden in 1950 he was to appear opposite many of the world's leading singers, including Callas and Simionato during three memorable *Trovatores* in the Coronation season.

But the London career was quite short. Johnston, dissatisfied with some of the roles being offered him, left after an argument with the then general administrator, Sir David Webster. His last appearance with the Royal Opera was in July 1958, as Don José in *Carmen*. He went back to his native Belfast never to return to the house. Johnston's direct, even bluff approach had not always harmonised with Webster's more feline attitudes. And that was the end.

Some doubt surrounds James Johnston's date of birth. A BBC documentary once gave it categorically as August 13, 1903. Grove rather more circumspectly quotes "c1900". It was a sensitive area because his professional career started very late. He began as a baritone, but a fine natural tenor soon developed.

There was nothing confected about the voice: it just flowed out. He had thought of being a professional singer, but his father told him that "going on stage was a sure way to perdition". So he continued in the family butcher's business, singing folk songs and regular performances of *The Messiah*. Colonel O'Kelly of the Dublin Grand Opera Society heard him in German's *Merrie England* and, short of tenors like all wartime opera administrators, invited him to sing Faust with the DGOS in 1940. Johnston demurred, but said that he might manage *Rigoletto*, which he had at least seen on stage. The opera was duly changed and Johnston made his debut.

His fame spread across the St George's Channel to an England where the newly-formed Sadler's Wells company was equally short of tenors. Tyrone Guthrie came over to the Belfast butcher's shop to persuade Johnston to join on a six months' trial. This he did, making an early impression as Jenik in *The Bartered Bride* in 1945. Johnston was always good at country boys – the title role in Vaughan Williams's *Hugh the Drover* was another speciality. But the big Italian roles were probably the ones he enjoyed most and in these he built up a very considerable following. He will be especially remembered as Gabriele Adorno in the first British performances of Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*. And he did soon sing the *Faust* he had denied the DGOS – to such effect that a night with Johnston in the title role would sell out Sadler's Wells fast. His Covent Garden debut was in the premiere of Bliss's *The Olympians* in the role of Hector, a rare excursion into contemporary opera, in 1949.

For the next eight years he was to sing many of the tenor leads. His acting was variable: he was not a tall man and was by then in his fifties – he needed careful make-up. The drama was mainly in the voice, its Italianate tone and the ease with which it was produced. "When he was going for a Top C you always knew he was going to get it," a colleague once said. And that was what his considerable fan club wanted.

Among his best roles at the Garden were Don José in *Carmen*, which brought out the best of his acting quality, and Calaf in *Turandot*, which lay excellently for his voice. However, the policy of opera in English, which ruled for part of his stay at the Garden, did not always suit – the Belfast accent never left him. Johnston made a number of records, which are not at all easy to track down now.

Among them was a *Messiah* for Sir Malcolm Sargent immediately after the war in which Johnston was preferred over the ruling English tenor of the time, Heddle Nash. His versions of the Duke's arias from *Rigoletto* are collectors' items and so was his account of Hugh the Drover's "Hoofbeats, hoofbeats" until EMI reissued it in their *Record of Singing* collection.

After his dispute with David Webster Johnston went back to the family business and remained in his native Belfast, visiting the theatre when opera was playing, through comfortable old age.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Home-Start, will visit Leicester Home-Start, 315a London Road, at 11.15; will visit the INFO Hostel at Elmfield Avenue, Leicester, at 12.05; as Patron of Birthright, will attend a luncheon at the Grand Hotel at 1.00; and will visit Leicestershire Aids Support Services, 29 New Walk, Leicester, at 2.40.

The Duke of York will attend the National Sporting Club luncheon at the Café Royal at 12.45 in aid of the Trevor Jones Trust.

The Princess Royal will visit the British High Performance Horse Sale and British Equine Event at Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, at 9.45.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a service at the Church of All Saints, Northampton, at 11.00 to mark the 450th anniversary of the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Duke of Kent will visit Eagle House Preparatory School, Sandhurst, at 4.30; and, as President of Wellington College, will attend a concert at the college in Crowthorne, Berkshire, at 6.00.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Benvenuto Cellini, sculptor and goldsmith, Florence, 1500; Pietro da Cortona, painter and architect, Cortona, Italy, 1596.

DEATHS: John Radcliffe, physician, Oxford, 1714; Alexander Cruden, author of *Biblical Concordance*, London, 1770; Lord George Gordon, Protestant agitator, Newgate prison, London, 1793.

Retirement

Judge Edmondson retired yesterday from the Circuit Bench on the Northern Circuit.

Appointment

Colonel Richard Abel Smith to be vice lord-lieutenant of Nottinghamshire.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held last night at 10 *Downing Street in honour of the* Centre for Policy Studies. The guests included:
Lord Joseph, CH, Lord Derwent, Lord Cayzer, Lord Stevens of Ludgate, Lord Salisbury of Preston Candover, Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach, Sir Kenneth Corfield, Sir Nicholas Goodison, Sir Ronald Halstead, Sir Eric Pountain, Sir Nigel Mobbs, Sir Paul Girolami, Sir Cyril Taylor, Sir Charles Tidbury, Sir Tim Bell, Sir Geoffrey Leigh, Sir Patrick Sheehy, Sir Anthony Gill, Mr Robert Maibas, Mr John Oakley, Mr Albert Frost, Mr Jeffrey Ashpitz, Mr Robert Bauman, Mr Peter Bowring, Mr Stanley Clarke, Mr David Cooksey, Mr Robin Fleming, Mr Jonathan Oestreicher, the Hon Clive Gibson, Mr W J M Griffin, Mr Andre Grunspott, Dr Richard Haas, Mr Stephen James, Mr Stanley Kalms, Mr Thomas Knowlton, Mr Martin Landau, Mr W A Lifters, Mr Malcolm McAlpine, Mr Stanley Metcalfe, Mr Maurice Pinto, Mr Richard Ritchie, Mr Ian Rushton, Mr George Sella, Mr Basil Sellers, Mr John Spiers, Mr Martin Taylor, Mr Simon Webley, Mr Garry Watson, Mr Barrie Williams, Mr Philip Wroughton, Mr Oliver Knox, Mr David Willetts, Miss Jennifer Nicholson, Mrs Judith Chaplin and the Hon Mrs Sarah Hogg

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner at Guildhall last night the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor and Directors of the Bank of England, bankers and merchants of the City of London, members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and members of the Court of Common Council. The Lord Mayor, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chairman of the Council of the London Stock Exchange were the speakers. The other guests included:
The South African Ambassador, the American Ambassador, the Lord Chamberlain, the Mayor of Buenos Aires, Sir Robert Bellinger, Colonel Lord Mais and Dame Mary Donaldson.

Scriveners' Company
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill attended the annual ladies' dinner of the Scriveners' Company held last night at Cutlers' Hall. Mr Deputy Edward Clements, Master, presided. Sir Reginald and Lady Eyre and Miss Hermione Eyre were among the other guests.

1912 Club
Sir George Young, MP, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held last night at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr Roger E. Sims, MP. Mr S. Melville Barker was the speaker.

HM Inspectors of Factories
The annual dinner of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Factories was held last night at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Hotel, Manchester. Mr A.J. Lineham, chief inspector, presided. Mr E. Forth, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr C.D. Bucknall were among the guests.

Local Government Chronicle
The Right Hon Paddy Ashdown, MP, leader of the Liberal Democrats, was the principal guest at the ninth annual *Local Government Chronicle* dinner at the Café Royal, London, last night. Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of *Local Government Chronicle*, presided. The other speaker was Councillor Jeremy Beecham, Chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

Order of the British Empire

The Queen has commanded that a service of the Order of the British Empire is to be held in St Paul's Cathedral at 11am on Wednesday, May 13, 1992. The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand Master of the Order, will be present.

Those belonging to the Order, and holders of the British Empire Medal, who wish to attend, should apply for a ticket giving their name, address, appointment (CBE, KBE, DBE, CBE, OBE, MBE, BEM) and other decorations in block capitals, as soon as possible and not later than Thursday, March 12, 1992, to the Registrar of the Order, Central Chancery, St James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BH.

No tickets are available for spouses who are not Members or Medallists of the Order, or guests, due to the size of the Order and the limited seating capacity in St Paul's Cathedral.

Birthdays today

Mr Umberto Agnelli, deputy chairman, Fiat, 57; Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, former Lord Mayor of London, 57; Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, former master, Churchill College, Cambridge, 72; the Right Rev L.A. Brown, former Bishop of Birmingham, 84; Admiral Sir John Bush, 77; Air Marshal Sir Edward Chilton, 85; Mr Terence Cuneo, painter, 84; Miss Victoria de los Angeles, opera singer, 68; Mr Michael Denison, actor, 76; Lord Harmar-Nicholls, 79; Mr D.C. Hobson, former senior partner, Coopers and Lybrand, 69; Sir Wynn Hugh-Jones, diplomat, 68; Mr Andrew Knight, executive chairman, News International, 52; Mrs Naomi Mitchison, author, 94; Mr Gary Player, golfer, 56; Mr John Pullen, rugby player, 50; Mr James Ramsden, former MP, 68; Mr Gerald Ratner, chairman, Ratners Group, 42.

Reception

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Mr Donald Anderson, MP, joint honorary treasurer, were hosts at a reception held yesterday in the Houses of Parliament for high commissioners, other representatives of Commonwealth countries in London and visiting Commonwealth members attending the State Opening of Parliament.

Memorial service

Mrs James Fox-Andrews
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs James Fox-Andrews was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church. Prebendary C.E. Leighton Thomson officiated. Mr Mark Fox-Andrews, son, read the lesson and Sir David Price, MP, gave an address.

Luncheons

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at City Hall in honour of the Chinese community. The Chinese Ambassador and Mrs Ma Yuzhen were the principal guests. Among the other guests were:
Councillor David Avery, Councillor Alan Bradley, Councillor and Mrs Thomas Chan, Mr Graham England, Chief Inspector Derek Etherton, Mr George Gordon-Smith, Mr and Mrs Zheng Jinliang, Mr and Mrs Derek Jobbs, Mr K C Kwong, Mr and Mrs Harry Lee, Mr and Mrs Mas Lo, Dr and Mrs Abraham Lue, Mr and Mrs Donald Lyon, Mr and Mrs T K Man, Mr Malcolm Mann, Councillor Peter Martindale, Mr David Meller, Mr Syd Sporle, Mr and Mrs W K Tsang, Mr and Mrs Yang Xueqian, Mr and Mrs Ying Yang, Mr and Mrs Tim Yau and Miss Trisha Stewart-Hodges.

Park Tower Luncheon Club
Mr Derek Picot, General Manager of the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel, and Miss Georgina Sullivan, Public Relations Manager, were the hosts at a monthly luncheon of the Park Tower *Luncheon Club held on Thurs*day, October 31, 1991, in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge. The guests were *Mr Bob Champion*, Miss Sue Crewe, Brigadier J.A.C. Cowan, Miss Emma Hope, Mr Naim Attalah and Miss Victoria Ewen.

British Red Cross
Sir John Quinton was host yesterday at a luncheon held at *the Caledonian Club for the* British Red Cross. Mr David Jacobs, Mr David Wyatt, Director of the International Division of the British Red Cross, and Mr John Gray, director of public affairs, were the speakers.

Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea
The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Councillor Mrs Frank Taylor, gave a Luncheon in the Mayoral Suite at the Town Hall, Kensington, yesterday in honour of The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Sir Alexander and Lady *Graham*. The guests were:
Mr Sheriff and Mrs John R. Perring, Lord and Lady Boyd-Carpenter, Lord and Lady Armstrong of Ilminster, the Right Hon Nicholas P. Scott, Sir Christopher and Lady Leaver, General Sir Roland Guy, Dame Shelagh Roberts, Sir Julian and Lady Ridsdale, Sir Michael and Lady Craig-Cooper, Christine, Lady Vavasour, Colonel D.A.E. Tucker, Mr Michael Brecknell, Mr and Mrs J.P.H.M.S. Cunynghame, Mr and Mrs Keith Knowles, Mr and Mrs Peter Nathan, Mr and Mrs David M. Shalit, Mr Alderman and Mrs Bryan Toye, Father John Fordham, Councillor and Mrs Desmond Harney, Councillor Mrs Iain Hanham and Mr Alan Taylor.

Service dinners

London Scottish
Colonel J.A. Clemence, Regimental Colonel of the London Scottish, presided at the annual Hallowe'en dinner held last night at their Westminster headquarters. Major-General C.W.B. Purdon, Major-General M.J.H. Walsh, Brigadier A.G. Ross and Lieutenant-Colonel D.C. Thornycroft were the principal guests.

UK Air Forces
Group Captain C.A. Bolton presided at a United Kingdom Air Forces dining-in night held last night at RAF High Wycombe. Air Chief-Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Commander-in-Chief UK Air Forces, and General M.P.C. Carns, Vice Chief-of-Staff of the American Air Force also spoke.

Royal Marines
Lieutenant General Sir Henry Beverley, Commandant General of the Royal Marines, presided at a Dinner held last night in the Commando Forces Officers' Mess, Stonehouse, Plymouth. The guests were:
Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Commander in Chief Fleet; General Sir Patrick Palmer, Commander in Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe; Rear Admiral J.R. Brigstocke, Flag Officer Flotilla Two; Rear Admiral C.H.D. Coke-Priest, Flag Officer Naval Aviation; Major General J.J.H. Owen, Chairman of the Trustees of the Royal Marines Museum; The Venerable M.G.H. Hadley, Chaplain of the Fleet; Colonel D.L. Bailey, Honorary Colonel of the Royal Marines Reserve, Bristol; Colonel W.H. Hansen, Fleet Marine Officer Staff of Deputy Commander in Chief US Naval Forces Europe; The Master and Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers; and Mr B.C. Johnston.

One who is not straight is detestable to the Lord, but those who are upright are in God's confidence.
Proverbs : 3 : 32 (REB)

BIRTHS

AMUSA - On October 30th 1991, at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, to Marcia Vanessa (née Jones-Rhiney) and Andrew Adekunle, a daughter, Rachel Faith Oluwafotakemi, cousin to Olarewaju Jinadu.

DROMGOOLE-CAVAZZI - On October 25th 1991, at *The Portland Hospital*, to Catherine and Gary, a true miracle, Christina Bryana. Our thanks to the Doctors and Nursing Staff who made it possible.

FAIRE - On October 28th, to Henrietta (née Webster) and Thomas, a son, Felix, a brother for Olivia.

KOSS - On October 29th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Meg and Max, a son, Mikal Patrick.

LLOYD - On October 22nd, to Jane (née Oglivie) and *Richard*, a daughter, Caroline Emma, a sister to Sophie, Fiona and Anna.

MORGAN - On October 25th, at Guildford, to Fiona (née Allan) and Stephen, a son, Joseph Alexander, a brother for Antonia.

MORTON - On October 24th 1991, to Rebecca (née Potter) and John, a daughter, Lauren Camilla, a sister for James.

WILKINSON - On October 31st 1991, to Victoria Michelle (née Thorpe) and Jonathan, a son, Oliver Peter.

WYLDE - On October 29th 1991, in Bangkok, to Lesley (née Terrulson) and Richard, a daughter, Isabel Katherine Malenda.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

EVANS:HUGHES - On November 1st 1941 at Henley-on-Thames, Thomas James Evans to Dilys Morris *Hughes*. Present address: Ynysllas, Abernant Road, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan.

SMITH:SPEECHLEY - Joe and Doris of Ely, Cambridgeshire, married on November 1st 1941. Best wishes from their sons Peter and Brian.

DEATHS

BALL - On October 28th 1991, peacefully at The Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, Ian George, beloved father of Peter, whose sense of humour will be missed. Funeral November 4th at 12.30 pm at St Peter's, Sark. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Professor Saint Fund, Sark.

BICKERSTETH - On October 29th, peacefully under the loving care of the nursing staff at Manormead and in the presence of members of her family, Margaret Mary, aged 96 years, widow of the Revd. Craufurd Bickersteth. Funeral at Manormead, Tilford Road, Hindhead, Surrey, at 11 am on Tuesday November 5th.

BOREHAM - On October 30th, peacefully at home after a period of illness, bravely borne, John Lionel, aged 67, greatly loved by all his family. Funeral Service on Friday November 8th at Christ Church, Wimbledon at 1 pm. Donations to Cancer Research or flowers and enquiries to Ashtons, 140 Alexandra Road, SW19. (081) 946-1051.

CAMPBELL - On October 27th 1991, David Armour, aged 52. Dearly beloved elder son of Brian and Jean of 26 Enys Quay, Truro, Cornwall and much loved brother of Andrew, Patricia and Georgina. Cremation in Paris Friday November 8th at 10.30 am.

GLODETZ - On October 29th 1991 at Daneley Court Private Nursing Home, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, Alexander aged 82, formerly of Birdham, West Sussex, and Senior Partner in the firm of M. Golodetz.

DEATHS

DORAN - On October 28th, suddenly at his home, Colin, aged 73, of Ashtead, widower of Jocelyne (née Preston), beloved father of Miranda and Juliet. Requiem Mass at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Ashtead, on Friday November 8th at 10am, followed by interment at St Giles Churchyard, Ashtead.

ERSKINE - On October 25th 1991, unexpectedly at his home, John (Jerry) Francis, of Westcombe Park, Greenwich. Dearly loved father of John and Keith and grandfather of Joe and Laurie. He will be deeply missed by family and friends. Funeral at Ash Parish Church, near Sevenoaks, Kent, on Tuesday November 5th at 11am. Family flowers only please. Donations to NSPCC, 67 Saffron Hill, EC1N 8RS.

FAWKES - On October 30th 1991, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Marjorie Josephine (Susan), of Churt, Surrey. Much loved wife of Guy and mother of Jill and Antony. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Churt, at 11.15 am on Monday November 4th. Family flowers only.

FIRMIN - On October 24th, at Papworth Hospital, Douglas Arthur, much loved husband of Ruby, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Walsingham, Norfolk, on Monday November 4th at 2pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to *The Heart Research Fund*, Papworth Hospital, Papworth Everard, Huntingdonshire.

HUBBARD - On October 27th *1991, peacefully, Norah*, wife of the late E.C. (Tiny) Hubbard of Danehill. Requiem Mass at St Stephen's Catholic Church, Hamsland, Horsted Keynes, on Monday November 18th at 10 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations to Age Concern, c/o J & R Matthews, Talbot House, High Street, Cuckfield, Sussex.

HUMPHRYS - On October 26th 1991, peacefully, Dorothy, aged 100 years, mother of Sheila and Tony, grandmother of Penelope, Colin, Paul, Richard and Mark. Cremation November 4th. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Treasurer, Parenthood, 7 Chilston Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

JONES - On October 30th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Elizabeth Angela (née Langton), in her 80th year, widow of Sir Henry Jones C.B.E. Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at 11.30 am Friday November 8th at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville, near Aylesbury. Private cremation later. No *flowers* please. Donations may be made to the British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society, c/o Surman & Horwood Funeral Service, 25 High Street, Princes Risborough, near Aylesbury, HP17 0AE.

KENNEDY - On October 31st, peacefully at home, Lt. Col. James *Russell* Kennedy M.C., aged 97, beloved husband of Dorette. Cremation in the East Chapel at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday November 5th at 2.45 pm. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to RNLI.

LEWIS - On Wednesday October 30th 1991, peacefully at Roxburghe House, Millimber, Catherine Angela Netherley, Kincardineshire. Much loved *wife of Andrew H.S. Lewis* and mother of Caroline. Requiem Mass in St Mary's R.C. Church, Stonehaven, on Monday November 4th at 11am, thereafter private. No flowers, donations to Roxburghe House, R.I.P.

LOCK - On October 30th 1991, at Addenbrookes *Hospital, Cambridge, Edith* Mary, aged 95, loving and much loved mother of Stephen and Geoffrey, grandmother and great-*grandmother*.

DEATHS

McMANUS - On October 31st 1991, John Barry, much loved and missed by family and friends. Funeral Service, 1 pm, November 8th, at St Elizabeth's Catholic Church, The Vineyard, Richmond, followed by burial at Richmond Cemetery at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations in memory, if desired, to 'Royal Marsden Cancer Appeal'. The Appeal Office, Royal Marsden Hospital, Downs Road, Sutton, SM2 5PT.

MICHIE - On October 30th 1991, peacefully at home, Nethermilln, Blebo Craigs, Janet Kinloch, widow of Charles Michie, formerly of Nigeria. Funeral Service at Kemback Parish Church on Monday November 4th at 1.30pm, thereafter interment at *Kemback Cemetery*, to which all friends are invited.

MOORE - On October 30th 1991, William George Ronald, aged 84 years, *formerly of Westbourne*, Bournemouth. No flowers please. All enquiries to George Scott, Funeral Directors tel: (0202) 395827.

PARSONS - On October 29th, after a long illness borne with great courage, Helen (Molly) Parsons (née Bowthorpe), of Worth, Crawley, W. Sussex, beloved wife of Ray Parsons C.B.E., mother of Tonya and Ann and dear grandmother of Alexandra, Annabel, Jonathon, Paul and Joanna. The cremation service will be held at Sussex and Surrey Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Crawley, on Thursday November 7th at 4 pm. No *flowers please. Donations* if desired may be made to The Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 6 Grand Parade, High Street, Crawley, West Sussex, the Funeral Directors.

SHARPE - On Wednesday October 30th, aged 87, peacefully at home, Lt. Col. *John York* Birch Sharpe R.A., dearly beloved husband of Judith and father of Diana and Carol. Funeral Service will be held at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday November 5th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Godalming.

SHEDDEN - On October 30th, Hon. Joan Frances, MBE. Wonderful wife of John Shedden, beloved mother of Christopher, grandmother of Edward, Lucy, Simon and Alice and stepmother of Fiona, mother of Charlie and Lulu. Cremation private. Funeral Service 11.30 am Tuesday November 12th at Yanworth Church, Glos. Family flowers only. Donations to B.H.S. (Welfare for Horses Account) via Funeral Directors - Norman, Trotman & Hughes, Walton House Barn, Northleach, GL54 3HX.

SWAYNE - On October 29th 1991, peacefully in London, Sir Ronald Oliver Carless Swayne, aged 73 years. Widower of Charmian (died 1984) beloved father of Giles and Mandy, grandfather of Orlando, Dominic, Oliver and Barnaby. Funeral Service at All Saints, Wardour, on Saturday November 9th at 11.30 am. Flowers, or donations to The Macmillan Nurses Fund may be sent to G.E. Johnson & Son (Funeral Directors), 41/45 High Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

WRIGHT - On October 24th 1991, Daisy Evelyn, aged 86, of Mere, Wiltshire. Former Headmistress of Park High School for Girls of Birkenhead. Sadly missed by all the family. Cremation has already taken place. No letters please.

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HOY - Amelia Anne and William Robert. With love. For all the years. C.P.J.R.

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MARSHALL - The Right Hon. The Lord Marshall of Leeds, Kt., M.A., LL.M., Freeman of the City of Leeds and of the City of London, Frank, who fell to sleep All Hallows Eve/ All Saints Day, 1990. Hours fly, flowers die. New ways, new days pass by. Love stays. From Mary, Angela and Geoffrey, Ginny and Nigel, Annabelle, Goodie, Marissa, Robert and Pally. To live in hearts we leave *behind is not to die.*

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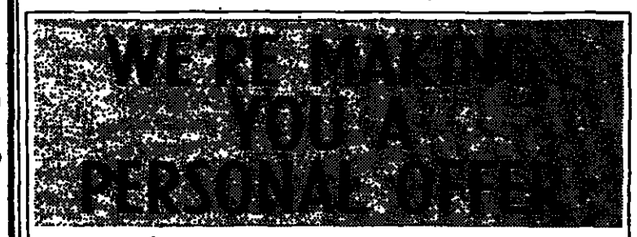
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

♦ **BLONDE FIST (15):** Feisty Liverpudlian (Margi Clarke) finds salvation in boxing. Crudely developed comedy from director Frank Clarke, writer of *Letter to Brezhnev*
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031).

DEKALOG PARTS 7 AND 8 (PG): Skeletons rattle in the closets of an anguished mother and an ethics professor. Incisive tales from Krzysztof Kieslowski's "Ten Commandments" cycle.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

MONSTER IN A BOX: Monologuist Spalding Gray in full flight, telling crazy stories of Russia, L.A., and his personal demons. Director, Nick Broomfield.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

RAMBLING ROSE (15): Innocent sexpot turns all heads in 1935 Georgia. Episodic, benign, hugely entertaining, memorable performances from Laura Dern, Robert Duvall. Director, Martha Coolidge.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

♦ **TWENTY-ONE (15):** Life and loves of a cynical modern mess. Patsy Kensit neatly encapsulates a London type, but melodrama leads the drama astray. Director, Don Boyd.
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

CURRENT

♦ **BOYZ N THE HOOD (15):** Black urban drama from hot-shot director John Singleton, piled high with homilies, but atmospheric. With Larry Fishburne, rap artist Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

♦ **CITY SLICKERS (12):** Over-stretched sentimental comedy, with Billy Crystal and chums solving mid-life crises during a cattle trek. Starring Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby, Helen Slater. Director, Ron Underwood.

Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

♦ **THE COMMITMENTS (15):** Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9599) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

DOCTEUR PETIOT (12): French serial killer (Michel Serrault, chilling) scurries round Nazi-occupied Paris. Boldly styled in German Expressionist hues; director, Christian de Chalonge.
Everyman (071-435 1525)

♦ **EDWARD II (18):** Riveting reworking of Marlowe's play by Derek Jarman; words and images leap out at the audience. Steven Waddington and Andrew Tiernan as star-crossed royal lovers, Tilda Swinton as the exasperated Queen
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Gate (071-727 4043).

♦ **FLIRTING (12):** Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to *The Year My Voice Broke* from director John Duigan. With Noah Taylor, Thandie Newton.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

HOMICIDE (15): David Mamet's study of a Jewish cop in New York's snake pit stunted as drama, but a vivid picture of urban hell. Starring Joe Mantegna
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

LET HIM HAVE IT (15): An epileptic youngster's road to the hangman's noose. Sombre, powerful drama about the 1952 Craig/Bentley case. With Chris Eccleston, Paul Reynolds, Tom Courtenay; director, Peter Medak.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666)

MORTAL THOUGHTS (15): Brutal hubby gets his throat slashed; wife and best friend have blood on their hands, and the police on their tail. Stylish, brooding drama, with Demi Moore, Glenne Headly, Bruce Willis. Director, Alan Rudolph.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey; Ed Harris; director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Premiere (071-439 4470)

♦ **PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15):** Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Minema (071-235 4225) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

SPARTACUS (PG): Kirk Douglas leads slaves to revolt in Stanley Kubrick's dashing 1960 epic. Starring Peter Ustinov, Laurence Olivier, Tony Curtis, Jean Simmons; a newly restored print
Odeon Marble Arch (0426 914501).

URANUS (15): Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Aymé's caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gérard Depardieu dominates a fine cast; director, Claude Berri
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Lumière (071-836 0691).

Little life in dead or living

DONALD COOPER

THEATRE

Julius Caesar
Royal Shakespeare, Stratford



Et tu: David Bradley as Cassius and Jonathan Hyde as Brutus (respectively third and fourth from left) conspiring

ADRIAN Noble has shown admirable courage in handing over the RSC's main stage to directors without experience of presenting Shakespeare on its ample acreage; but it is time to admit that the experiment has not been a success. First, Griff Rhys Jones staged a flimsy, misconceived *Twelfth Night*. Then David Leveaux, so effective in the tiny Swan Theatre, gave us a surprisingly awkward *Romeo and Juliet*.

Now Steven Pimlott has come up with a sluggish, overblown *Julius Caesar*, more notable for exotic spectacle than inner energy. Last night, even the interval lasted so long that I half-expected to spend the second half reviewing *Antony and Cleopatra*, whose action begins several years later.

A prime reason is the girth and complexity of Tobias Hoheisel's set. For Philippi, this dwindles to a bank of dry, cracked clay, surrounded by a black frame. Most of the evening, though, it consists of two wide, high slabs of red and blue, columns as they might have been designed for some mega-city by Albert Speer. These swivel to become a wall or gates, or open to leave a blank space in which smog billows, lightning flashes and orange-clad figures scuttle to and fro. Beside them, inexplicably stretching into the auditorium, are the chalked outlines of scores of human figures, the kind the police draw before corpses are taken away.

The set is the right size for Pimlott's parades: gorgeous, colourful affairs, with Renaissance-period senators sporting Sienese tunics and the round hats that so fascinated Piero della Francesca. It is less well suited to the play's many intimate encounters. One private conversation between Casca and Cassius would be better conducted by semaphore, so far apart are the shouting conspirators.

There is no obvious cohering idea, except that the times are unruly, the people vicious, the dangers of dictatorship considerable. Owen Teale's Antony, naked but for leather pants, seems to be running some similarly attired SS or SA. Grey-clad yobs scrawl crude graffiti on those chalk figures, then make fascist salutes and chorus "Caesar" as modern football fans might chant "Arsenal". The attack on Cinna the Poet is a horribly prolonged piece of killer-hooliganism, though it is still rather shorter than the assassination of Robert Stephens's Caesar, who terrifies his murderers by displaying Rasputin-like indestructibility. Pimlott certainly likes a good, gory death scene.

But what of life and the living? There, the production is more uneven. Stephens gives the evening's one indisputably excellent performance, with his ravaged face, hoarse voice, shifty, suspicious looks, and the fake-friendly pats he gives people, in the manner of Saddam Hussein.

It is a chilling portrait of a paranoid megalomaniac, afraid of others, but almost more afraid of being thought afraid. Unluckily, he dies well before half-time, leaving little to enjoy but Jonathan Hyde's relentlessly decent Brutus and David Bradley's dry, mean Cassius. The latter displays plenty of sarcastic power in the first half but loses all credibility by playing the character as a lachrymose tot in what is a remarkably flat tent-scene.

There is the trouble. Stage pictures seem to matter more to Pimlott than people. The sight of Teale's Antony spectacularly hoisted above a phalanx of proletarians is more important than ensuring he gives an interesting performance. Where is the buzz of character, the crackle of conflict, the excitement of politics in action? Where, in short, is *Julius Caesar*?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

Amadeus
Theatre Royal, Brighton

THE lavish programme to Compass Theatre's touring production of this play includes a chronology, which reads, in part: "1788/9: Mozart writes *G Minor* and *Jupiter* symphonies. The laws of cricket are codified, Austria attacks Turkey and the French revolution begins."

There is no actual suggestion that one event led to the next: "Look chaps, now Wolfgang's knocked this *Jupiter* thing for six, we'd better settle the lbw business." But somehow the feeling lingers that their proximity is more than chance.

Amadeus is the same. Who can now say if all Mozart's misfortunes were caused by Salieri's envy, but Peter Shaffer arranged things to make it seem so and as the play winds its way slowly forward, a feeling grows that the evidence is being subtly twisted here, transposed from there to fit the argument. All dramatists have the right to do this and do so all the time. But here the process ceases to convince because vast tracts of Mozart's life are ignored.

You do not have to know his biography to sense this. Certainly the focus is on Mozart as his socially more acceptable colleague sees him and, if Tim Pigott-Smith's performance had been more commanding, we might be persuaded to feel, for the duration at least, that Salieri's viewpoint encompassed the whole. But Pigott-Smith does not convey the intensity of anguish and frustration that the role simply has to have. Shaffer has attempted a tragic portrayal which in this production neither reaches Salieri's heart nor touches an onlooker.

These shortcomings are exposed in the monologues — oh, how they go on! — but not when Pigott-Smith engages with other actors. Suddenly, if briefly, the play comes together in that moment when cocky little Mozart improvises upon Salieri's mechanically correct "March".

Richard McCabe, a rock musician after leaving Rada, can play the piano expertly enough to be shown at the keyboard, and such creative delight comes bubbling from him as he twiddles out yet another tuneful variation, while behind him, far behind him, Pigott-Smith stands frozen and open mouthed.

McCabe's Mozart also makes a convincing link between the creative genius and the upsetting frivolity: words bubble out of him as freely as music. He has invented an odd hobbling scamper that in physical terms bridges the gap between child and adult; and occasionally he remains quite still, eyes closed, hearing secret harmonies.

The play is lavishly directed by Robert Clare on a set of crimson flats decorated with golden musical staves that draw aside to show glittering scenes at court and in the opera house. But when McCabe is off the stage, and the music is silent, the work's glib contrivances find no disguise.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT

Philharmonia/Berio
Festival Hall

MAYBE it was just the plush surroundings of Brahms and early Mahler, but there seemed something 19th-century about the breadth and gesture of Berio's latest orchestral work, *Continuo*, played by the Philharmonia under his direction on Wednesday. Of course, there is nothing elderly about the sound world, which typically arises from a novel orchestral geography, with harps and brass ensembles to left and right, and homogeneous groupings of wood-winds and strings in between: there are boisterous antiphonies here, and more commonly rich, complex and juicy blendings of instrumental parts often caught in stuttering iterations. But in scale and tempo the piece is, as Berio's brief note admitted, an adagio, and it seems to be going through the motions of a Bruckner or Mahler symphonic slow movement, as if it were a curtain behind which some other drama was being played out.

This effect of mimicry is perhaps due largely to the almost constant presence of a slow, high violin line, a kind of underpinning from the top suggestive of Romantic orchestral style while also providing, more abstractly, a sonic horizon against which other events are to be placed. Among those other events are brassy climaxes which, in their muffled way, also sound as if they are shadowing something. The only way to make a clear statement in this world seems to be to pierce above the strings, as blistering high trumpets and piccolo do in a virtuoso passage towards the end. What is most remarkable about the piece, though, is the levitation it achieves, effortlessly, as it moves a large orchestra through a span of almost 20 minutes.

More evidence, though muted, of Berio's orchestral sorcery came in the Brahms and Mahler already mentioned, since all of it was arranged by him. The Brahms was the clarinet concerto he never knew he had written in the form of the F minor sonata, boasting some deliciousness in the central movements but a lot of stolidity elsewhere — though that did not affect the forthright playing of Michael Collins in the solo part. Of Mahler-Berio we heard ten songs, splendidly delivered by Thomas Hampson, but curiously awkward in tone. Mahler's own opulence and rhapsodising work in the boundaries between irony and naivety, but Berio's chocolate-boxy orchestration of "Frühlingsmorgen", for instance, could just as well be a lapse of taste.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

DANCE

Romeo and Juliet
Royalty

CHRISTOPHER Gable's swift moving, unhackneyed and dramatically powerful production of *Romeo and Juliet* has brought Northern Ballet Theatre back to London looking revitalised and deserving to fill the Royalty Theatre for its short run. This treatment has a tremendous impact: some of the most violent fights you will have seen on the ballet stage, and some of the frankest love-making too.

There is one important difference since I reported in February on its premiere from Blackpool, and that is in the quality of the performance. The dancers have grown into their roles (helped no doubt by the enthusiastic reception they have had everywhere on tour) and their characterisations, always well conceived and developed in detail, are now presented with more punch.

The production gives them a hot, stormy, run-down city (design by Lez Brotherston) for their feuding, fighting and loving: one in which Antony Harith's lusty, savage Tybalt, Jeremy Kerridge's punk Mercutio and Royce Neagle's handsome, loving Paris all move with feelings plausibly heightened by the tension around them. Victoria Westall's sexy bitch of a Lady Capulet, too, is overwhelming in her grief for Tybalt's death, smearing his blood all over herself, although her reaction to her daughter's apparent death is only anger, icily leaving Hayley Tognetti's doting nurse to lay out the body.

For the two lovers at the centre of this action, Gable has not strayed far from the general lines of the characters as shown in the Covent Garden production in which he used to star with Lynn Seymour. But Jayne Regan's plucky, sparky Juliet has a touch of the nymphet even in the playfulness of her first scene. William Walker makes a Romeo sunk deep in love, but it is Regan's desperate courage when buffeted (literally and metaphorically) by her family after Romeo's departure that really tugs at the emotions; also her creeping into the arms of her lover's corpse to die.

Prokoviev fans may be upset by some chopping and rearranging of his score to speed the action, and even more by its arrangement for small orchestra. But — apart from the painful sounds on Tuesday at the end of Act I — others may welcome the absence of protracted repeats and the lightening of the usual marmoreal solemnity.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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☑ **BECKET:** Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouilh's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archbishop. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 185mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play. Performances look a bit tired. Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☑ **DEATH AND THE MAIDEN:** Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Chilean political drama. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

☐ **GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY:** Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits; flimsy plot but no matter. Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins

☐ **THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK:** Good things in this vast, elaborate spectacular but the storyline is a needle in a haystack.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **IT'S RALPH:** Timothy West, Jack Shepherd, Connie Booth in rickety Hugh Whitemore piece about betrayed ideals and unsound timbre. Doubtful stuff. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Tues, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 135mins

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

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☑ **KVETCH:** Steven Berkoff's trip into the East-End Jewish psyche: vivid but thinnish. Co-stars Anita Dobson
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE REVENGERS' COMEDIES:** Alan Ayckbourn's impressively ambitious, two-part comedy centred on the meeting of an incongruous pair (Griff Rhys Jones and Lia Williams). Less fun than one might hope, but worth the time.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-240 0300) Part 1: Mon, Thurs, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Part 2: Tues, Wed, Fri, 7.30pm. Sat, 8pm. 150mins each.

☐ **A SWELL PARTY:** Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's debonair wit and wry melodies
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins

■ **TARTUFFE:** Paul Eddington dithers, John Sessions cons, Felicity Kendal is bold in a nearly successful Molière.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 120mins.

☑ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** The cult stage version of cult television show, performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

AVAILABLE

☐ **TOVARICH:** Natalie Makarova, Robert Powell in 1930s romantic comedy about exiled Russian aristos.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 4pm.

☑ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119) Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☑ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson find comedy but lose the depth and pathos in Beckett's play
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 135mins

☑ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☑ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☑ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☑ Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ☑ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☑ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

ORCHESTRE DE LA SUISSE ROMANDE: The Geneva-based orchestra which attained its peak under Ernest Ansermet's direction in the Fifties and Sixties, is back in the international spotlight, under musical director Armin Jordan who joined the orchestra in 1985 in the second and final London concert the orchestra plays Debussy's *La Mer*, Roussel's superb, colourful ballet *Bacchus et Ariane*, Prokofiev's First Violin Concerto (soloist is Young Uck Kim) and something genuinely Swiss, Frank Martin's Concerto for Seven Wind Instruments
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The distinguished pianist Alfred Brendel joins the CBSO under Simon Rattle to perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5, in a programme with Mark Anthony Turnage's latest work *Momentum*, and Hans Werner Henze's *Symphony No 7*.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight, 7.15pm.

PROKOFIEV CENTENARY: Cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, one-time student of Sergei Prokofiev, and the London Symphony Orchestra present a month-long festival aimed to show the many sides of Prokofiev's musical genius in the opening concert (Sunday) Rostropovich conducts the LSO and Chorus in Prokofiev's cantata *Seven — they are seven* and a concert performance of *Ivan the Terrible*. With soloists, baritone Sergei Leiferkus and mezzo-soprano Tamara Sinyavskaya.
Festival Hall (as above), Sun, 7.30pm.

FIGARO'S WEDDING: English National Opera in a new production of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, conducted by conducted by Ivor Bolton.
Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton (0902 25212), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

EX CATHEDRA: Birmingham's premier vocal ensemble performs a programme based on composers and instruments admired by Mozart, with special guests, the Salomon Quartet and Colin Lawson.
Symphony Hall, International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

TIN MACHINE: David Bowie in his latest role of singer and guitarist in a neo-heavy rock band, begins an eight-date British tour, ending at the Brixton Academy on November 11.
Civic Hall, Wolverhampton (0902 312030), tomorrow, 7.30pm. International II, Manchester (061-2738834). Sun, 7.30pm.

DANCE UMBRELLA: *Stoics*, Jonathan Burrows's latest piece, has been growing over the past year or so in performances at The Place and elsewhere. The completed work is a series of incidents in which the dancers (all from the Royal Ballet) explore a world of anguish and impotence. Burrows shares the bill with fellow British choreographer Julyen Hamilton.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight-Sun, 8pm

ARCHAOS: The mad-cap French circus troupe are back with a new carnival-style show "Metal Clown", inspired by the traditions of South American street circus, and incorporating a 40-strong Afro-Brazilian martial arts troupe. The company claims that the new show exceeds all previous expectations in terms of scale, size and insanity
Wembley Stadium, Car Park Number 2 (071-900 1234), tonight-Sun, 8pm

Opera North's artistic director Paul Daniel, directed by Graham Vick, and in a new translation by Jeremy Sams. The singers include Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel making his ENO debut as Figaro, Cathryn Pope as Susanna, Joan Rodgers and Anthony Michaels-Moore as the Countess and Count, and Elizabeth McCormack (replacing Diana Montague) as Cherubino. (NB Jeremy Sams will hold an introductory talk before tomorrow night's performance.)
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tomorrow, talk, 6pm, performance, 7pm

WIND IN THE WILLOWS: The National's enormously successful production, adapted by Alan Bennett from Kenneth Grahame's novel, returns with its revolving stage and a new cast
Winner of a 1991 Olivier Award for best set design.
Olivier Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm.

THE THEBANS: The Royal Shakespeare Company for the first time stages Sophocles's trilogy of plays, *Oedipus The King*, *Oedipus At Colonus*, and *Antigone*, in a new translation by Timberlake Wertenbaker. Gerard Murphy is Oedipus, Philip Voss plays Theseus, John Shrapnel is Creon and Joanna Pearce plays Antigone.
Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), tonight (part 1), 7.30pm, tomorrow (parts 1-3), 4.30pm

OPERA 80: The company's autumn season brings a new production of Britten's three-act comic opera *Albert Herring*, directed by Clare Venables, and

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

TIRRIVEE
(b) A fit or display of ill-temper or passion, an unchecked outburst, of obscure origin, perhaps a corruption of *tailyevey*, Sir Walter Scott: "A very well-meaning, good-natured man when he wasna in ane of his tirrivees."

KHARIF
(b) In India, where they harvest twice a year, the autumn crop, sown at the beginning of the monsoon season, from the Arabic *karif* gathered, autumn, harvest: "Timely and adequate rainfall is essential for good kharif crops."

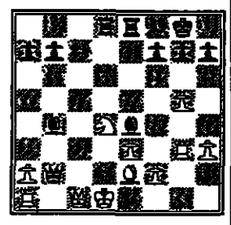
DECUSSATE
(c) To cross or intersect, to form a figure like the letter X, from the Latin *decussare* to divide crosswise: "The decussate cross now known as the cross of St Andrew."

SABURRA
(b) Foul granular matter deposited in the body, especially the stomach, from the Latin *saburra* cognate with *sabulum* sand: "The slaty or purplish and granular saburra thrown up from the stomach."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is from the game Wessman — Cherbakov, Stockholm 1991. Black to play and win.



Solution: 1 ... Rxd4+ 2 exd4+

ART GALLERIES

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly W1. Recorded info 071-439 4996/7 **THE POP ART SHOW.** Book tickets on 071-287 9578/071-793 1000/071-240 7200 (24-hr fee). Open daily 10-6 (incl Sundays) **FROM REYNOLDS TO LAWRENCE:** paintings and sculpture from the Academy's Collection. Open 10-4 Tues-Sun. Admission free.

CINEMAS

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Ave W1 071 439 4805 **EDWARD II** (18) A film by Derek Jarman. Progs at 1.45, 3.55, 6.05 & 8.30

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 071 240 9661 **TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY** (PG) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun), 3.55, 6.05 & 8.20

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865 Stephen Poliakoff's **CLOSE MY EYES** (18) Progs 3.35 6.00 & 8.20

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 071 836 3161 cc 071 240 5258 cc 1st call 071 240 7200 (24hr/7 days) 071 379 4444 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Tonight 7.30 **Last Perf LA SONAMBULA** Tomor 7.00 **FIGARO'S WEDDING**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE PERFORMANCES CANCELLED Performances by **The Royal Opera** and **The Royal Ballet** have been cancelled until further notice due to a wage dispute with the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House. When the dispute is resolved an announcement will be made in the national newspapers and on local radio. REFUNDS - from the Box Office or by sending tickets to Refunds, R.O.H. P.O. Box No 6, London WC2E 7QA. For information 071-240 1066/1911 or 071-836 6903 (recorded info)

ROYALTY THEATRE 071 494 5091 cc 071 379 4444 (24hrs no bkg fee) Until 9 Nov **Northern Ballet Theatre** ROMEO & JULIET Eves 7.30 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30 **LIMITED SEASON ONLY**

SADLER'S WELLS 071 278 8916 First call 24hrs 7 days 240 7200 **SANKAI JUKU** present **UMETSU** (The Egg Stands Out of Curiosity) LAST 2 PERFS Tonight & Tomor 7.30pm

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ADELPHI 071 836 7611 CC 071 379 4444/793 1000 First Call 24hr cc 071 497 9977 (no bkg fee) Groups 071 930 6123 **NOW BKG TO 18 JAN 92** ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 **"THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN"** Sunday Express

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AMBASSADORS 071 836 6111 cc 379 4444 (no bkg fee) Mon-Thurs 8.30 Fri 7 & 9.30pm Sat 8.30 & 8.30 **THE SMASH HIT!** THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. **"SIMPLY FAB"** D.Telegraph **"A DELIGHT"** Sund **MARVELLOUS TO BEHOLD** T.Out

DOMINION THEATRE 071-580 8845/9562 Fri 20 Dec for 14 Perfs only Eves 8.00pm Inc Sundays, Xmas Eve, Day & New Years Day! **JIM DAVIDSON'S BLUE XMAS SHOW**

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 071 494 5000/379 4444/240 7200 Grps 494 5454 INFO + AVAIL 0839 333670 MISS SAIGON **"MUSICALS COME AND GO THIS ONE WILL STAY"** S Times Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 2pm LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE Latecomers not admitted until the interval A FEW GOOD SEATS STILL AVAIL FOR MIDWEEK MATS APPLY TO BOX OFFICE. NOW BOOKING UNTIL 28 MARCH 1992, FOR TELEPHONE POSTAL BOOKINGS/PERSONAL CALLERS 071 494 5000 BKG FEE

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FORTUNE BO/CC 071 836 2238 24hr cc bkg fee 497 9977 (24hr) Steven Hill's THE WOMAN IN BLACK Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt **"A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER"** Guardian **"A REAL THRILL"** S Times **"Take Transatlantic"** T Out Mon-Sat 8pm Mats Tue 3 Sat 4 **NOW BOOKING UNTIL JAN '92**

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GREENWICH 081 858 7755 Eves 7.45 Sat Mat 2.30 **BEN TRAVERS'S Farces. HOOKERY NOOK.** From Nov 7 **SLOW DANCE ON THE KILLING GROUND**

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL BO Inc CC 071 930 8800 First Call 071 497 9977 (95p nominal handling charge) **DEREK JACOBI** ROBERT LINDSAY **"Give riveting performances"** Time **"They are mesmerising"** D.Mail BECKET by Jean Anouilh **"Holds an audience spellbound"** Financial Times Directed by Elijah Moshinsky Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 379 4444/793 1000/497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL** THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS or LISA HULL as Christine AND JOHN BARROWMAN Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 **NOW BOOKING UNTIL OCT 1992**

LYRIC, Shafts Ave Bo & cc 071 494 5045 cc 379 4444 All tel lines 24hr/7 days (bkg fees). **The Jolson Years Stage Jamble** FIVE GUYS **NAMED MOE** **THE OLIVIER AWARD WINNING MUSICAL** OUTSTANDING **ENTERTAINMENT OF THE YEAR** **BEST CHOREOGRAPHER Charles Augins** Mon-Thurs 8, Sat 5 & 8.45 NOW BOOKING TO JAN 92 LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 cc no bkg fee 071 836 3464) The Lyric Hammersmith production of **LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET** "Gripping suspenseful production" Ind. Eves 7.45 Mats Wed 2.30 & Sat 4. **STUDIO: Diana Quick in THE WOMAN DESTROYED** by Simone De Beauvoir "A tour de force" Time & Stil Eves 8, Sat mat 4.30

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741, 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977 **OLIVIER** Tom'l & Tomor 7.15 (PREVIEWS) **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS** Grahame adapted by Bennett **LYTTELTON** Tom'l 7.30 Tomor 2.15 & 7.30 (LAST PERF) **TARTUFFE** by Molière adapted by Jallinder Verma **COTTESLOE** Tom'l 7.30 Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 **THE COUP** by Matura

NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 24hr 379 4444. Grps 930 6123 Tkts from Pickfords Travel **THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNING MUSICAL** CATS Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00 **LAST 2 WEEKS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION, PLEASE BE PROMPT** Box open at 6.45 **LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE**

OLD VIC 071 928 7616 cc cc 071 379 4444 (no bkg fee)/071 793 1000/071 497 9977 (bkg fee) Eves 7.45 Wed & Sat Mats 3 pm **PHONES OPEN 24hrs/7 days NOW BOOKING INTO 1992** OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II's CARMEN JONES Music by Bizet Directed by Steven Callow "OUTCLASSES EVERY OTHER MUSICAL IN TOWN" Times

STRAND BO/CC 071 240 0300 (24hr cc No Bkg Fee) 836 2428 **GRIFF RHYS JONES JOANNA LUMLEY** in THE REVENGERS' COMEDIES by **ALAN AYCKBOURN** **PART 1**

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 **Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a topical studio discussion
9.50 **Hot Chefs.** Paul Gayler prepares a vegetarian dish of crisp Napoleon of vegetables in ghoulash sauce
10.00 **News,** regional news and weather 10.05 **Playdays** (r) 10.25 **The Family-Ness.** Adventures with the animated monsters (r)
10.35 **Homewise.** Anne Gregg on home decoration (s)
11.00 **News,** regional news and weather 11.05 **No Kidding.** Quiz (s)
11.30 **People Today.** The search continues for Britain's most caring dad
12.00 **News,** regional news and weather
12.20 **Pebble Mill** 12.55 **Regional news** and weather
1.00 **One O'Clock News** and weather 1.30 **Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s)
1.50 **Film: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof** (1958). A steamy adaptation of Tennessee Williams's powerful stage play. At the birthday celebration of dying patriarch Big Daddy (Burl Ives), Maggie (Elizabeth Taylor) fights tooth and claw to jolt husband Paul Newman out of his drunken reverie. Directed by Richard Brooks
3.40 **Lifeline: The Thames Reach Project** (r)
3.50 **Pingu.** The adventures of a clumsy penguin 3.55 **Superbods.** A guide to breathing 4.10 **The Legend of Prince Valiant** (s) 4.35 **Record Breakers** 5.00 **Newsround** 5.10 **Byker Grove.** Children's drama set in a Newcastle youth club. (Ceefax)
5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Peter Sissons and Moira Stewart. Weather
6.30 **Regional news magazines.** Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)



A flair for improvisation: gifted actor Robin Williams (7.00pm)

7.00 **Wogan**
● CHOICE: Robin Williams is an extraordinary performer, whose speed of delivery is such that Wogan's half an hour of chat with him promises to be equivalent to several programmes worth of conversation with other comics. He has a huge repertoire of funny voices and an endless capacity for improvisation — some of the best school-room scenes in *Dead Poets Society* showed Williams making it up as he went along. Tonight we will see him in his element in New York, where, he has said, "the beautiful and the horrifying live right next to each other". It's the setting for his latest film, *The Fisher King*, which marries his talents with those of co-star Jeff Bridges and flamboyant director Terry Gilliam. Williams plays a former medieval history professor now wandering the streets, a character he has described, intriguingly, as "somewhat Don Quixote, somewhat Groucho Marx" (s)
7.35 **Harry and the Hendersons.** American family comedy series based on the film *Big Foot and the Hendersons*. (Ceefax) (s)
8.00 **Last of the Summer Wine.** Compo (Bill Owen) is worried about *Nora's (Kathy Staff) strange behaviour. (Ceefax) (s)*
8.30 **The Russ Abbot Show.** Russ imitates George Formby playing *Hamlet*, With Les Dennis and Bella Emberg. (Ceefax) (s)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News.** (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 **Casualty: Making the Break.** More medical emergencies for the casualty department at Holby general hospital (s)
10.20 **Omnibus: Irek Mukhamedov.**
● CHOICE: A must for dance enthusiasts, this is by anyone's standards a watchable and interesting portrait of the Bolshoi star who joined London's Royal Ballet in June 1990. Dame Ninette de Valois predicted he would make as big an impact as Nureyev, but film-maker Julia Matheson wanted to take this idea further, to find out exactly what sort of effect he would have on the company and the company on him. How would Mukhamedov, a Soviet dancer used to bounding across the stage in a single leap in parts such as Spartacus, adapt to the neater balletic ways of the English? Or would the Royal Ballet kowtow to his athletic style? The answer seems to be a bit of both, though Mukhamedov admits endearingly of his first rehearsals for Manon: "I couldn't do anything". Such modesty is balanced by the admiring comments of British dancers and choreographers and by spectacular extracts showing his work in *Manon, Winter Dreams, Giselle* and other ballets over here
11.15 **Film: What Did You Do in the War, Daddy?** (1966). Chaotic wartime comedy as an American army unit captures a Sicilian town in the throes of holding its annual wine festival. Starring James Coburn. Directed by Blake Edwards 1.10am **Weather**

BBC 2

8.00 **News** 8.15 **Westminster.** An update of parliamentary business
9.00 **Daytime on Two:** *Quinze Minutes (r)* 9.15 *Teaching Today (r)* 9.45 Watch: Food (r) 10.00 Look and Read (r) 10.20 Around Scotland: *Clearances* 10.40 *Into Music (r)* (s) 11.00 *Let's See: Animal Rights* (r) 11.15 TV6: Tears From My Soul. Northern Ireland. (to 11.35) *Ulster in Focus* 12.00 *English File (r)* 12.30 *Scene (r)* 1.00 Standard Grade English 1.20 The Brollys (r) 1.35 Jumbo and the Jet Set (r) 1.40 *English Time*: Writing
2.00 **News** and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (r)
2.15 **Sport on Friday.** *Helen Rollason introduces the women's semi-finals of the national tennis championships from Telford, and international netball as England plays Canada at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham*, including at 3.00 **News** and weather, and at 3.50 **News**, *regional news and weather*
5.30 **Top Gear** visits the annual Motorcycle Show in Birmingham (r)
6.00 **Thunderbirds: Vault of Death.** *Gerry Anderson's classic puppet* adventure series. (Ceefax)



Labour of love: Sir David Attenborough looks at nature (6.50pm)

6.50 **The Tale of the Pregnant Male.** David Attenborough reveals *another wonder of Nature as the male seahorse gives birth to more* than a thousand fully-formed miniatures of himself (r). (Ceefax) Wales: *Bilko (b/w)*; 7.15-7.45 *Wales in Westminster*
7.20 **Bilko: The Colonel's Second Honeymoon** (b/w). Classic US *army comedy, starring Phil Silvers (r)*
7.45 **What the Papers Say.** Peter McKay of the *London Evening Standard* examines how the press has reported the week's news
8.00 **Public Eye: Youth Crime — Targetting the Tearaways.** Martin Bashir reports on a controversial new approach to juvenile crime which suggests that potential offenders can be identified and dealt with at primary school age
8.30 **Dream Gardens: The Garden in Mind**
● CHOICE: Writer and landscape designer Liz Rigbey leads us up the garden path and into a strange world of dreams, surrealism, Jungian psychology, stories, religious allegories, Chinese paintings, classicism, romanticism and mazes of the mind. Yes, we're still talking about gardens, but the fifth in this series of essays goes in search of the *thinking* garden, which it transpires could mean anything. We're shown plenty of interesting places, from a vegetable plot designed by prisoners to symbolise their life inside, to a walled garden where leaves are painted blue and there's a lobster on the lawn-mower — that's the surreal one. But the dreamlike approach gets very wearing; we are moved from *garden to garden with such rapidity that you long for Rigbey to just* stay where she is for a second. At the end that's exactly what happens; the presenter and her entire film crew get stuck in the middle of a maze
9.00 **Clochmerle: The Painful Infliction of Nicholas the Beadle.** Episode five of a nine-part adaptation of Gabriel Chevallier's comic novel about a sleepy French village in the 1920s. Starring Cyril Cusack, Roy Dotrice and Wendy Hiller (r)
9.30 **The Power and the Glory: The Aristocrats.** The fifth of a 13-part series tracing the history of motor racing examines the golden age of grand prix racing in the 1920s and 1930s. (Ceefax) (s)
10.00 **Have I Got News for You?** Angus Deayton hosts the comedy news quiz. Team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by Clare Short, MP, and comedian Nick Hancock (s)
10.30 **Newsnight** with Sue Cameron
11.15 **Scrutiny.** The work of parliament's select committees
11.45 **Mystery Train.** Richard O'Brien introduces a trio of bedtime shockers: 11.50 **The Night Stalker: The Vampire.** Kolchak (Darren McGavin) follows a trail of bloodless bodies, flittering the streets of Los Angeles. Directed by Don Weis; 12.40am **The Invisible Hands.** Animated short about a pair of invisible hands. Where will they strike next?; 12.55 **Film: The Cool and the Crazy** (1958, b/w). A powerful drama about the perils of teenage drug addiction. Directed by William Witney 2.15 **Weather**

ITV

6.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Jeopardy!** Quiz in which contestants supply the questions to host Steve Jones's answers 9.55 **Thames News** and weather
10.00 **The Time . . . The Place . . .** This week's final topical discussion
10.40 **This Morning.** Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the family magazine programme including at 10.55 **News** headlines and at 11.55 **Thames News** and weather
12.10 **Rainbow.** Educational series for children
12.30 **News** with John Suchet (Oracle) Weather 1.10 **Thames News** and weather
1.20 **Home and Away.** (Oracle)
1.50 **A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian community of Wandin Valley (s)
2.20 **A Problem Aired.** Dr John Cobb gives advice to a viewer with an emotional problem (r)
2.50 **Talkabout.** Andrew O'Connor hosts the non-stop chat show 3.15 **News** headlines 3.20 **Thames News** headlines
3.25 **The Young Doctors**
3.55 **Children's ITV** beginning with **The Raggy Dolls.** Cartoon 4.05 **Victor and Hugo.** The animated adventures of two villainous Frenchmen (s) 4.30 **Knightmare.** Children pit their wits against the computerised dungeon 5.00 **Porky Pig.** Cartoon
5.10 **Home and Away** (r) (Oracle)
5.40 **News** with Carol Barnes (Oracle) Weather
5.55 **Six O'Clock Live.** Frank Bough reports live from Twickenham on the eve of the rugby world cup final between England and Australia, plus the launch of the competition to find this Christmas's best-decorated crane Followed by **LWT Weather**
6.55 **The Day**
7.00 **The $64,000 Question.** Contestants answer questions on their chosen subject in a bid to win a deflated £6,400. Hosted by Bob Monkhouse (s)
7.30 **Coronation Street.** (Oracle)



Wager for charity: actress Nerys Hughes does her bet (8.00pm)

8.00 **You Bet!** Matthew Kelly, assisted by Ellis Ward, invites Roy Hudd, Nerys Hughes, Michael Melia and the studio audience to make three wagers for charity
9.00 **Classic Action Adventure: The Professionals — Hunter/Hunted.** An episode of the classic 1970s series When a laser-beam rifle, placed in Doyle's care, is stolen, and he is stalked by a sadistic killer, CI5 careers into action. Starring Martin Shaw, Gordon Jackson and Lewis Collins (r)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) 10.35 **LWT News** and weather
10.40 **The London Programme.** Trevor Phillips presents the current affairs programme
11.10 **Rugby World Cup '91.** Frank Bough previews tomorrow's final at Twickenham between England and Australia
12.05am **Married . . . With Children: Build a Better Mousetrap.** Al (Ed O'Neill) and Steve (David Garrison) attempt to kill a mouse (s)
12.35 **Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight — The Old Man.** A dramatised account of the life of Elvis Presley, starring Michael St Gerard (s)
1.05 **The James Whale Radio Show.** Another boisterous hour in the company of the abrasive talk-show host (s)
2.10 **American Gladiators.** Gruelling elimination tournament that tests the strength and ingenuity of both sexes (s)
3.10 **CinemAttractions.** Charlie Tuna reviews the latest film releases in the United States
3.40 **Raw Power.** Rock music videos (s)
4.40 **Garrison's Gorillas: Run From Death.** American second world war drama series about a group of American soldiers on active service in Europe, led by Lt Garrison (Ron Harper)
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Channel 4 Daily** 9.25 **Schools**
12.00 **The Parliament Programme.** The latest news from both Houses
12.30 **Business Daily.** News and analysis from the City
1.00 **Sesame Street.** Pre-school learning series
2.00 **Art of the Western World: Birth of the Baroque.** The historian Michael Wood continues to trace the history of western art. In the *ninth of 19 programmes, he explores the re-birth of Rome in the* 17th century, expressed in the exuberant painting of Caravaggio and the architecture of Bernini and Borromini (r)
2.30 **Film: Smart Money** (1931, b/w). Edward G Robinson and James *Cagney star together for the only time in the underworld story of a* small-time gambler up against the mob. Directed by Alfred E Green
4.00 **Dogs of the Pole.** Will Steiger prepares his 80 dogs for the 6,500-*mile trek across Antarctica via the South Pole (r)*
4.30 **Fifteen-to-One.** William G Stewart hosts the fast-moving general knowledge quiz (s)
5.00 **Cutting Edge: Repomen.** A repeat showing of the documentary *exploring the increasing trend of repossession (r)*. (Teletext)
6.00 **Roseanne: No Talking.** Blue collar comedy starring the bubbly Roseanne Barr, with John Goodman as her good-natured husband Becky (Lecy Goranson) wages a teenage war of silence against her mother (r)
6.30 **Tonight with Jonathan Ross** with guest, actress Jodie Foster (s)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather
7.50 **First Reaction.** Mimic Steve Coogan casts his eye over master forger Eric Hebborn's book *Drawn to Trouble*
8.00 **Brookside.** (Teletext) (s)
8.30 **Do Not Disturb**
● CHOICE: A welcome repeat for this magical documentary from the *Survival* team In half an hour we are treated to a record of the most spectacular and rare birds and flowers on the island of Cousin in the Seychelles. Once threatened by development as a holiday centre, the island was bought by a group of wildlife organisations and is now a reserve with a no-nonsense notice-board on it saying "This land belongs to the birds. You are their guests". Tourists do arrive in boats, but they know their place and Nature is largely left to her own devices — the crabs making *slagheaps in the sand, the snow-white Fairy Terns forming lifelong* relationships, the Noddy Terns nodding at each other and the *lizards gobbling up the terns that have been trapped among the* sticky leaves of the pisonia tree . Great stuff (Teletext)
9.00 **Cheers: Showdown.** The second part of an episode from the first series of the award-winning comedy series set in a Boston bar. Sam (Ted Danson) and Diane (Shelley Long) are forced to confront their feelings for each another (Teletext) (r)
9.30 **Mushroom Magic.** Michael Jordan continues to explore the magic world of mushrooms by looking at the many varieties that can now be bought at the supermarket
10.00 **Dream On: Doing the Bossa Nova.** American adult comedy series, told in flash-back. Martin (Brian Benben) makes some horizontal career moves. (Teletext) (s)



Backchat: the American pop singer Barry Manilow (10.35pm)

10.35 **Clive Anderson Talks Back.** Clive is joined by singer Barry Manilow, Dave Nellist, MP, and author Douglas Adams
11.15 **The Word** talks to Keanu Reeves and *Wild at Heart*'s Laura Dern; plus behind the scenes of *Studs*, America's raunchiest television game show. Presented by Terry Christian, Amanda De Cadenet and Kate Puckrik (s)
12.15am **Ring My Bell.** *Manhattan Cable*'s Laurie Pike fields viewers' phone calls as Arthur Scargill, Val Lehman, Boy George and Barbara Windsor answer questions about politics, religion and romance (s)
1.00 **Tonight with Jonathan Ross** (r) (s). Ends at 1.25

TV REGIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 5.10-5.40 Heidi 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40-11.40 The Young Riders 12.35am-1.05 Stephen King's This Is Horror

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 6.00 Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 Tale the High Road 10.40-11.10 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles 12.10am-1.05 In the Heat of the Night 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie Has Servant Trouble 5.15-5.30 Iggy Pop — In Profile

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 5.10-5.40 This is America, Charlie Brown 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Central Weekend 12.10am-1.05 Rugby World Cup '91 2.10 Film: Gunpowder (David Gilliam and Gordon Jackson) 3.45 The Hit Man and Her 4.45-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 5.10-5.40 Voyager — The World of National Geographic 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 9.00-10.00 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill 10.40 Granada Up Front 11.40 Rugby World Cup '91 12.35am-1.05 Married...With Children 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie Has Servant Trouble 5.15-5.30 Iggy Pop — In Profile

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm The Young Doctors 2.20-2.50 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek 10.40-11.10 The Seaside Railway

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Stopwatch 10.40-11.10 Texaco Young Musician of Wales 1991

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Sullivans 3.23-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 10.40 Magnum 11.40 Rugby World Cup 12.35am-1.05 Vietnam — The Ten Thousand Day War 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.25 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.00 Film: Blondie Has Servant Trouble 5.15-5.30 Pop Profile

TVS
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Place in the Sun 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.50-7.00 Police 5 10.40-11.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Country Practice 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 A Word in Your Ear 10.40 Predergast is Sinful 11.10 Point of Order 11.40 Rugby World Cup '91 12.35am-1.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie Has Servant Trouble 5.15-5.30 Iggy Pop — In Profile

ULSTER
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Check It Out 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Glenroe 10.40 Kelly 12.10am-1.05 Rugby World Cup '91 2.05 Dirty Dancing 2.35 Night Beat 3.35 CinemAttractions 4.05 Film: Blondie Has Servant Trouble 5.15-5.30 Iggy Pop — In Profile

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55pm Graham Kerr 2.20-2.50 A Place in the Sun 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Stars and Gardens 10.40-11.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.05am-1.05 War of the Worlds 2.05 Bhangra and Asian Beat 2.35 Zara Dhyan Dein 2.40-5.30 Eastern Cinema

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.30 Yegotton 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30pm Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Faith, Hope and Clarity 2.30 Film: Smart Money 4.00 The Three Stooges 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 My Two Dads 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm 7.30 Rygbi — Cwpan Y Byd 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Codi Cwestiwn 9.45 Short and Curlies: A Nice Arrangement 10.00 Dream On 555-Hall 10.35 Clive Anderson Talks Back 11.15 The Word 12.15am Ring My Bell 1.00 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 1.30 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 11.45am Oilscoil Educational Experience 12.10pm Oireachtas Report 12.30 *Opening Nights 1.00 News 1.30 Fair Play* 1.40 Kitchen Garden 1.55 The Heritage of the Guidenburgs 2.45 Mel Flanagan's Golf Mysteries 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The *Good Companions 5.30 The Sullivens 6.00* The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Video File 8.00 Major Dad 8.30 Winning Streak 9.00 News 9.30 The Late Late Show Fashion Awards 11.35 News *followed by Shannon's Deal 12.40am* Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.05 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Sportsworld 9.00 Surgical Spirit 9.30 News followed by Film: A Year of the Quiet Sun 11.20 Oireachtas Report 11.40 Film: Deadly Blessing 1.25am Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00 The D.J. Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed *10.00 Maude 10.30 The Young Doctors* 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The *Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00* Different Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 One False Move 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Parker Lewis can't Lose 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF *Superstars of Wrestling* 11.00 *The Friday* Night Night Feature 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newstime 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Daytime 10.30 Those were the Days 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World 4.30 *Those were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30* Newsline 8.30 Those were the Days 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Holiday Destinations 3.30 Our World 4.30 Those *were the Days*

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Crossing Delancey (1988) Amy Irving stars as a Jewish woman in search of *the perfect man*
12.00 My Dad Can't Be Crazy - Can He? (1989) A tale of the devastating effect mental illness has on a family
1.00pm Frog Girl A rare Italian frog explains that he is really a prince
2.00 Coward of the County (1981) Starring Kenny Rogers
4.00 Breaking Away (1979) Four high-school boys team up to take part in a small-town bicycle race
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Bare Essentials (1990) A New York couple is marooned on a tropical island
8.00 Deathstalker and the Warriors from Hell (1988): Tough guy Deathstalker em-*barks on a perilous adventure in the desert*
9.40 US Top Ten
10.00 Phantom of the Opera (1989) Bloody retelling of Gaston Leroux's classic tale
11.35 Fighting Mad (1976): Revenge drama set in rural Arkansas
1.10am The Unholy (1988) A priest battles *against a murderous demon*
2.45 Jakarta (1988): A CIA agent attempts to solve the murder of the woman he loved
4.15 Deal of the Century (1983): Chevy Chase stars as an unscrupulous weapons dealer . Ends 5.50

THE COMEDY CHANNEL
● Via the Astra satellite.
4.00pm Punky Brewster 4.30 Petticoat Junction 5.00 Leave it to Beaver 5.30 Greenacres 6.00 Here's Lucy 6.30 "F" Troop 7.00 McHale's Navy 7.30 The Addams Family 8.00 Are You Being Served? 8.30 Babes 9.00 Hogan's Heroes 9.30 Here's Lucy 10.00 In Living Color 10.30 Barney Miller 11.30 Kids in the Hall 11.30 Laugh-In

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 Red Line 8.30 NFL Follies 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 European League Round-up 10.30 Aerobics 11.00 Torque 12.00 Netbusters 12.30pm European League Round-up 1.30 National *Tennis Championships* 5.30 *Motor World* 6.00 Sky Soccer Weekend 7.00 German Football - Live 9.00 Superbouts 10.00 Soccer Weekend 11.00 Watersports World 12.00 German League Football 2.00am National Tennis Championships

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1939): Basil Rathbone stars as the famous detective
7.40 Judgement at Nuremberg (1961) Award-winning drama which explores the dilemma of whether a man can be held accountable for actions committed under military orders
10.45 Summertree (1971) Michael Douglas as a college student who comes into conflict with his parents over the Vietnam war
12.15pm Harry and Walter Go to New York (1976). Farce starring James Caan and Elliott Gould
2.15 How Green was my Valley (1941). Classic drama about life in a Welsh coal-mining town
4.20 The Fantastic World of D.C Collins (1984) Children's espionage adventure
6.05 The Adventures of Baron Munchausen (1989) Terry Gilliam's epic fantasy about the ageing baron
8.15 The Seventh Sign (1988): Supernatural mystery starring Demi Moore
9.55 Clownhouse (1988): Thriller about three boys menaced by some mad clowns
11.20 Lord of the Flies (1990): Adaptation of the William Golding novel
12.55am The Rachel Papers (1989) A young man records and plans his romantic relationships with the aid of a computer
2.30 Slaughterhouse Five (1972): Black comedy adapted from the novel by Kurt Vonnegut Ends 4.10

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
11.00 Football Eurocups 12.00 Tennis Paris Open Highlights 1.00pm Live Tennis Paris Open 7.30 Track Action Magazine 8.00 Judo 8.30 Eurosport News 9.00 Boxing 10.30 Trans World Sport 11.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 The Best of US Boxing 8.30 US College Football 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Supercross 11.00 Powersports 12.00 Volvo PGA European Tour 1991 1.00pm Truckspeed'91 2.00 *Sport de France 2.30 International Trampo-line* 3.00 Indy Car 4.00 Argentina Soccer 5.00 Indy Car 5.30 Pilote 6.00 NBA Basketball 7.30 Gillette World Sport Special 8.00 Go Dutch Motorsport 9.00 British Open *Rally Championships 9.30 Rugby World Cup* '91 10.30 Boxing 11.30 Open Bowling Masters

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00 The Great American Gameshow 10.50 Coffee Break 10.55 Everyday Workout 11.25 Fergie - Duchess of York 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm Star Time 12.55 Search for Tomorrow 1.20 The Rich also cry 2.20 Lifestyle Plus 2.30 Pets and People 2.55 Power Hits USA 3.50 Tea Break 4.00 The Dick van Dyke show 4.30 The Great American Gameshows 5.25 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending: English Chamber Orchestra under Daniel Barenboim, with Pinchas Zukerman, violin); Debussy (De l'aube sur la mer: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Eliahu Inbal
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): *Copland (Quiet City*: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Stravinsky (Ebony Concerto: Columbia Jazz Combo under the composer with Benny Goodman, clarinet): Debussy (Cello Sonata: Mstislav Rostropovich, Benjamin Britten, piano); Milhaud (La Création du monde: Orchestre national de France under Leonard Bernstein)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Szymanowski (Songs of a Fairy-Tale Princess, Op 31. Polish National Opera Orchestra under Robert Satanowski with Izabella Kłosinska, soprano; Symphony No 4, Symphonie concertante: Polish State Philharmonic Orchestra of Katowice under Karol Stryja with Tadeusz Zmudzinsky, piano: Songs of the Infatuated Muezzin, Op 42: Polish National Opera Orchestra with Barbara Zagorzanka, soprano)
9.35 Morning Sequence. Copland (Suite, The Tender Land. Boston Symphony Orchestra under the composer); Stravinsky (Divertimento, Le Baiser de la Fée: London Sinfonietta under Riccardo Chailly); Tchaikovsky (The Sleeping Beauty, extracts: Mihail Pletnev, piano); Tchaikovsky (Bluebird pas de deux: Columbia Symphony Orchestra under Igor Stravinsky); Copland (Piano Sonata: Peter Lawson)
11.25 BBC PO under Jacques van Steen, with Maxim Vengerov, violin, performs Handel arr Harty (Suite, The Water Music); Gershwin (An American in Paris), Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D); Britten (The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Live from Studio 7. Leslie Howard, piano, performs Tchaikovsky compl. Howard (Sonata No 1 in F minor, first broadcast); Salzedo (Pardes Rimonim); *Rachmaninov* (Sonata No 1 in D minor, Op 28)
2.00 Japan Season: The Japanese Ear (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive: From the *1969 Proms*
4.45 Della Jones Sings Rossini: Soffri la tua sventura (Adelaide di Borgogna); Una voce poco fa (Il barbiere di Siviglia): City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure
6.30 Japan Season: Jazz Japan Style
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Frank Whitford talks to German artist Gerhard Richter, whose exhibition is showing at the Tate Gallery, London
7.30 Susse Romande Orchestra *under Armin Jordan with* Young Uck Kim violin, live from the Festival Hall, London, performs Frank Martin (Concerto for seven wind instruments); Debussy (*La Mer*); Incl 8.15 No Pay, No Swiss (r) 8.35 Susse Romande Orchestra (cont): Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1 in D); Roussel (Bacchus et Ariane Suite No 2)
9.35 Exile, or The Boat Will Not Return
● CHOICE: Radio 3's unprecedented *Japan Season* ends on a compelling but demanding note. Lim Poh Sim's drama-documentary is a Noh-style amalgam of two identical tales — that of the *Noh theatre founder Seami* Motokiyo, banished to a remote island, and that of the priest in one of his plays, also exiled. The veteran actor Robert Eddison plays both exiles As Zeami, he offers the layman hints on how to arrive at a better understanding of *Noh. Far easier said, and* heard, than done
10.15 Philomel for soprano, recorded soprano and synthesised sound by Milton Babbitt. Text, John Hollander. Based on the legend as narrated by Ovid. Bethany Beardslee, soprano
10.35 Two Viennese Pianos: Fortepianos played by Richard Burnett
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Arnold (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00am News incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 6.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 *Weather*
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: The castaway this week is American actor and director *Alan Alda (s) (r)*
9.45 The Village: Nigel Farrell presents a series reflecting on the life of Bentley, a small rural community in Hampshire. *Today the village celebrates a* wedding
10.00 News; Daily Service Pilgrimage (LW only): From Bangor Abbey
10.15 *The Bible: Michael Hordern* reads the fourth book of Moses, Numbers (7 of 9)
10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (FM only). I November. (3 of 8) (s)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Presented from Belfast by Wendy Austin. *All you need to know about* caring for the under-fives Phone-in on 0232 325757
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours with Debbie Thrower
12.25pm *The Food Programme* Derek Cooper investigates whether it is really possible to slaughter animals humanely . 12.55pm Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r); 1.55-Shipping *Forecast*
2.00 News; Classic Serial. The Personal History of David Copperfield. Wickfield and Heep. Dickens' novel in a dramatisation by Betty Davies (7 of 10) (s) (r)
3.00 News; *Special Assignment:* BBC correspondents report on one of the main topics in this week's news
3.30 Bookshelf: Actress and writer Vanessa Redgrave talks to Nigel Forde about the books *that have influenced her:* writers talk about the pains of rejection at the hands of the publishers
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope Louisa Buck reviews the new production of *Medea* at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, and talks to artist Sonia Boyce (s).
4.45 Short Story Orchards by William Bedford Read by Joss Ackland (s) (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*
6.00 News
6.30 Going Places Janet Trewin reports on the restoration of Britain's canals
7.00 *News 7.05 The Archers* Betty makes an uncomfortable discovery
7.20 Pick of the Week
● CHOICE: Many listeners *must have felt like sending a* protest to the Controller of Radio 4 when Margaret Howard lost her *Pick of the Week* presenter's job? And *now, there must be many who* feel like congratulating him for having picked Chris Serle to replace her? So smoothly has Serle taken over that the programme hasn't had time to bleed after the Howard amputation The balance she struck between trivial and profound, deadly funny and deadly serious, bizarre and everyday, has been *maintained, even improved on,* since Serle started to do the *picking (s)*
8.05 Any Questions? Chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby
8.50 Law in Action Marcel Berlins takes a look at developments in law
9.15 Kaleidoscope The Beat Goes On Ian McMillan recaptures the spirit of the British Beat generation of the 1960s (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime. Zuleika *Dobson by Max Beerbohm (3* of 10)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with David Tate and Sally Grace (s)
11.25 The Financial Week (s)
11.45 *Today in Parliament*
12.00 News, incl 12.27am Weather 12.33 *Shipping Forecast* 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM stereo and MW. 5.00am Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Let's Do Lunch with Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Round Table 7.00 The Essential Selection with Pete Tong 10.00 Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance 12.00am Loose Tab (FM only) 12.30pm *Andy Peebles Double Bill (FM only) 12.30 Soul Train 2.30 Night Train 4.00-5.00* Paul McKenna (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ed Stewart 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Vince Hill 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Journey into Space 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night Live from the Hippodrome, Golders Green, London 8.45 Jack Freedman at the piano 9.00 Listen to the Band with Ray Newsome *9.30 Collecting Facts. 10.00 Radio 2 Arts* Programme 12.05am Jazz Parade with Digby Fairweather 12.35 Alan Dedicoat presents Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and Sport on the hour until 6.00pm *6.00am World Service Newsdesk 6.30* Morning Edition 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1,2,3,4,5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with The Family Business 12.30pm Caribbean Magazine 1.00 News Update 1.15 1,2,3,4,5 1.30 BFBS Worldwide Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service Global Concerns 2.45 International Money Programme 3.00 News and Sport 3.05 Outlook *3.30 Focus on Faith 4.00 News and Sport 4.05 Network UK 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 The Great* Hamburger Disaster 7.30



Poet in repose: Edith Sitwell as portrayed by Alvaro Guevara in 1919. The work is on loan from the Tate

Gallery celebrates work of art fund

By Simon Tait, arts correspondent

THE National Portrait Gallery is celebrating the work of the National Art Collections Fund, the charity which spends £2 million a year buying works of art for public collections in the United Kingdom, with an exhibition, The Portrait in British Art, opening next week.

The exhibition contains 60 portraits spanning four centuries that the fund has helped collections to acquire. Sir Peter Wakefield, the fund's director, said: "We are the largest arts charity but people don't know what we do. Exhibitions show them."

The exhibition includes works by Holbein, Gainsborough and Van Gogh, as well as Alvaro Guevara's 1919 *study of Edith Sitwell*, and Vanessa Bell's 1912 portrait of her sister, Virginia Woolf.

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Through a sister's eyes: Vanessa Bell's 1912 portrait of Virginia Woolf, owned by the National Portrait Gallery

Political sketch

Ludicrous ritual amid the tiaras

THERE is a Disneyworld feeling about the Chamber of the House of Lords. Constructed at the same time as St Pancras station, the gold paint and pasteboard heraldry were hardly dry when the Midland Railway reached Derby.

Today, its mock-gothic grotesqueries provide a monster TV studio for an ancient pageant of which the ancients never dreamed, origins lost in the mists of time, about 1911.

It is hard to avoid the feeling that, just around the corner, Mickey Mouse is waiting to sell you tickets for a space ride to the Enchanted Forest.

But the tiaras yesterday were something else. And not just the tiaras. "There's a seriously expensive row of emeralds round her ladyship's neck," said a colleague, pointing to Lady Cochrane of Cults. Lady Cochrane's tiara resembled a Sony Walkman headset, diamanté.

Across the floor the French ambassador shimmered like a pearly king in a garment of spangled brocade. Closer to me, Lady Palumbo sported a headborne stockade of pearls on prongs with opals dropped between them. "Is she English?" I whispered to my colleague.

"No. Too beautiful," came the reply.

Princess Margaret arrived in turquoise. In the galleries above, two peers' children played the scissors-cut-paper/rock-blunts-scissors game across the knees of their elegant mum.

Charles and Diana arrived, the prince's face set in a sort of frozen quizzicality, the princess forever the little girl in the front row of the school pantomime, cutely self-conscious about her fancy-dress.

I glanced at the official seating plan for ambassadors. "Bolivia – in wheelchair," it said. Two black ladies – ambassadors' wives – swathed to their ankles in brightly coloured cotton and looking like illustrations from *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, whispered.

Not far from the Throne stood a man I used to know as Mr Waddington, carrying a shower cap mounted on a broomstick. The Queen came in. She looked completely unimpressed. There followed a long wait while Black Rod summoned the Commons. The Queen stared round, wearily.

Then, from down the corridor, grew the sound of distant chatter, as though a charabanc of vulgar picnickers were approaching. It was. At least this time Norman Lamont had shaved. The Lord Chancellor handed the Queen her speech and teetered backwards down the steps.

Every year the Gracious Speech sounds more Graciously Perfunctory. An oration which starts "I am looking forward to visiting Australia", goes on "My government will, with our community partners, pursue the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations", and climaxes "A bill will be introduced to provide for a Cardiff Bay Barrage", could in truth be summarised: "My government will whistle for the wind for a few months more."

Over in the Commons the prime minister and the leader of the Opposition duelled with all the skill of that party game where the two combatants are blindfolded. They call: "Are you there, Moriarty?" then lash out, stumbling, at each other.

"Are you there, Neil?" *Whack*. Missed. "Are you there, John?" *Whack*. Missed again. Thursday staggered from one ludicrous ritual to another.

Matthew Parris

'Set us free' say Palestinians

Continued from page 1

would not attend the third, multilateral stage of talks, due to begin in a fortnight, unless "substantive and concrete" progress had been made.

"All have come to realise that Israel follows a futile and obsolete ideology based on expansion, the building of *settlements and the uprooting* of Arabs from land in which they had lived for centuries in order to replace them with new immigrants who have never lived in the region," Mr al-Sharaa said.

He accused the Israelis of harassing journalists attempting to report on Israel and derided Israel's claims for the migration of world Jewry to its land; they were not, he said, sanctioned by any legal or humanitarian principle. "If the entire world were to adopt such claims, it would have to encourage all Christians to emigrate to the Vatican and all Muslims to holy Mecca," Mr al-Sharaa said.

By last night, feelings between Arabs and Jews on the fringes of the conference had been upset further by Arab accusations that the Palestinians had been made to suffer for the sins of the nazi holocaust perpetrated in Europe. Kamal Abu Jaber, the normally mild-mannered Jordanian foreign minister, accused Mr Shamir of having been personally traumatised by the holocaust, and he appealed, during a press conference, for Western help to negotiate with Israel.

As the tone of the accusations made inside and outside the main conference chamber in Madrid's royal Oriente Palace grew more bitter, Mr Netanyahu accused the Arabs of committing a "horrendous slander" by accusing Israel of carrying out nazi-style tactics against the Palestinians.

Opening the proceedings, Mr Shamir had warned that the talks were in danger of breaking down if the Arabs continued to try to concentrate on the issue of occupied land.

Later, however, each of the day's four Arab speakers made impassioned pleas for the return of all territories occupied in 1967.

Reports, analysis, page 12

Man killed as storms strike

By Paul Wilkinson

ONE man was feared dead as severe gales and torrential rain hammered Britain last night. He was swept away in a north Wales mountain river which became a sudden torrent.

The man, believed to be in his twenties, was abseiling in a ravine with two companions a mile from Dolgarrog in the Conwy valley, when a surge of water plucked him from his rope. Members of Ogwen mountain rescue team searched the banks, using ropes for safety, but chief inspector Eifion Parry, leading the search, said: "It doesn't look very hopeful."

A Sealink ferry entered the French port of Dieppe nearly five hours late after being caught in heavy seas as local fishermen prevented it docking by blockading the harbour in protest at a planned change in net sizes.

The West Country, Wales and Scotland were lashed by torrential rain and strong winds. The London Weather Centre predicted the very windy conditions would continue for the next five days.

In Scotland, high tides and driving rain flooded roads on parts of the west coast and gale warnings were in force in the North Sea. Overflowing streams blocked roads in the Inverclyde area of Strathclyde. Off the coast at Poole, Dorset, a lifeboat and tug battled through force nine winds and 15ft waves to reach the Dutch ice breaker Vorwarts when the five-man crew sent a mayday call after suffering engine failure. Their anchor rope gave way in the high seas and the ship began drifting towards the shore. The tug Tor Bay Endeavour went to the scene and towed the ship back to harbour.

Two inches of rain were recorded at Aberporth and Brawdy in west Wales and gusts of wind up to 60mph buffeted the southern coasts of Devon and Cornwall. Police closed the A40 at Whitland, Dyfed because of flooding. Train services between Carmarthen and Whitland were cut by water on the track.

Confession challenged

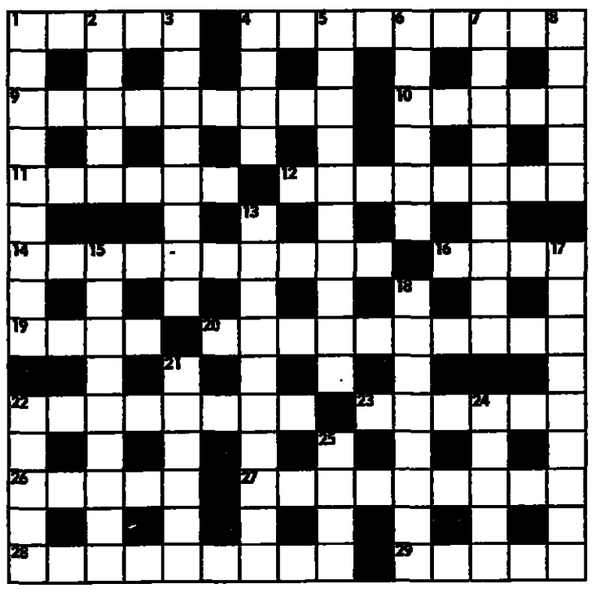
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contention is that Molloy's confession was fabricated. I am asking that the home secretary quash these convictions as soon as he can."

He said four independent language experts had challenged the confession, including Dr Butterworth. At the trial police claimed that the words in the confession had been dictated by Molloy. Dr Butterworth compared the confession with earlier police notes and found they were so similar in word construction and grammar that the chance of a coincidence was less than one in a million.

Background, page 2

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,752



ACROSS

1 Note a foreign article giving the animals of the region (5).
4 Trained and became a doctor (9).
9 No black boy is so attentive (9).
10 Cereal one planted in a bewildering network (5).
11 Estate settlement given in English translation from Latin (6).
12 Trouble-maker washing one's dirty linen at home (8).
14 Sock soaked, but too dazed to notice? (5-5).
16 River starting to pollute the sea (4).
19 Go for a short walk (4).
20 Little Dorrit's alarm as she cooked for father here (10).
22 Note the carriage one gets stiff in, and go through (8).
23 Hacks back to firm plaster (6).
26 Fate, nonetheless, of the clergy (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,751

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ACROSS

27 Hear privately talk of the First Lady's fall (9).
28 Urge boss to get a security device (5-4).
29 Bill Hill, Thespian (5).

DOWN

1 River vessel where Flora may be seen (9).
2 Piano in university band causing trouble (5).
3 What the vacuum needs to be, if it's to go on working (8).
4 Boat carrying a small charge (4).
5 Make hostile soldier, for example, suffer pain (10).
6 Vegetable mother has to top and tail (6).
7 Good-for-nothing not wearing a dress (9).
8 Dotheboys' head, stern and gloomy (5).
13 *The Tablet*, obviously is not this sort of paper (10).
15 Quarterstaff discovered by Pooh (5,4).
17 Look with difficulty round a course in fog (9).
18 Stout Continental with a rising name for musical composition (8).
21 Plaintiveness of the page with the musketeer (6).
22 When short, 22 *ac* borrowed from share capital (5).
24 He painted a bird circling the river (5).
25 Enthusiastic singer standing up (4).

Concise crossword, page 19

Word watching

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

TIRRIVEE
a. An organ trumpet-stop
b. A tantrum or fit of passion
c. An evening promenade

KHARIF
a. A provincial judge
b. An autumn crop
c. A narcotic leaf

DECUSSATE
a. To uncouple
b. Having lost its leaves
c. Divided in an X

SABURRA
a. A native-born Israeli
b. A granular deposit in the stomach
c. The shoe deposit at a mosque

Answers on page 20

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Weather

East Anglia, southeast and southern England as far west as Dorset will start cloudy with some rain. Brighter further north and west but still with showers, some heavy. Thunder possible in the extreme North-West. Strong winds continuing with gales on exposed western and possibly southern coasts. Temperatures about average. Outlook: windy with further rain in the South, bright and showery elsewhere.

Abroad

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	f	Majorca	21	70	s
Akrotiri	22	72	f	Malaga	19	66	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Malta	21	70	f
Algiers	23	73	f	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Amst'dm	10	50	f	Mexico C'	21	70	s
Athens	13	55	r	Miami*	26	79	c
Bahrain	29	84	s	Milan	8	46	f
Bangkok	31	88	s	Montreal*	9	48	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	-4	25	c
Barcelna	17	63	f	Munich	1	34	c
Beirut	25	77	f	Nairobi	26	79	f
Belgrade	7	45	s	Naples	17	63	s
Berlin	4	39	s	N Delhi	28	82	s
Bermuda*	19	66	f	N York*	16	61	f
Biarritz	17	63	s	Nice	16	61	f
Borde'x	17	63	c	Oslo	5	41	c
Brussels	10	50	f	Paris	9	48	f
Budapst	5	41	s	Peking	15	59	s
*B Aires**	*20*	*68*	*f*	*Perth*	*19*	*66*	*s*
Cairo	33	91	s	Prague	4	39	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Reykjavik	6	43	s
Chicago*	3	37	r	Rhodes	20	68	f
Ch'church	14	57	s	Rio de J	23	82	s
Cologne	8	46	c	Riyadh	33	91	s
C'phagn	6	43	c	Rome	13	55	f
Corfu	17	63	c	Salzburg	4	39	s
Dublin	8	46	f	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Faro	20	68	s	Santiago*	25	77	f
Florence	8	46	r	S Paulo*	30	86	f
Frankfurt	4	39	c	Seoul	18	64	s
Funchal	22	72	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	10	50	f	St'kholm	6	43	c
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Strasb'rg	7	45	c
Helsinki	4	39	c	Sydney	23	73	s
Hong K'	25	77	s	Tangier	19	66	s
Innsbrck	7	45	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Istanbul	10	50	f	Tenerife	23	73	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tokyo	17	63	f
Karachi	36	97	s	Toronto*	11	52	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Tunis	19	66	f
La Tquet	10	50	s	Valencia	22	72	s
Lisbon	19	66	f	Vanc'ver*	4	39	s
Locarno	7	45	c	Venice	9	48	s
London	13	55	c	Vienna	4	39	s
L Angels*	19	66	s	Warsaw	-1	30	c
Luxembg	5	41	fg	Wash'ton*	19	66	s
Luxor	32	90	s	Wel'ton	14	57	s
Madrid	13	55	f	Zurich	8	46	c

* denotes figures are latest available

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.13
Austria Sch	21.50	20.00
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Canada $	2.065	1.915
Denmark Kr	11.83	11.08
Finland Mkk	7.47	7.04
France Fr	10.40	9.70
Germany Dm	3.045	2.845
Greece Dr	339.00	319.00
Hong Kong $	14.00	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.137	1.067
Italy Lira	2290.00	2140.00
Japan Yen	244.50	226.50
Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.21
Norway Kr	11.99	11.19
Portugal Esc	261.00	243.00
South Africa Rd	5.00	4.40
Spain Pta	180.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.15	10.40
Switzerland Fr	2.57	2.50
Turkey Lira	8700.00	7900.00
USA $	1.835	1.71
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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Glasgow

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Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	1.38	10	50	rain
Anglesey	-	1.13	12	54	rain
Belfast	1.1	1.37	10	50	rain
Birmingham	-	0.16	13	55	rain
Bognor Regis	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	0.06	15	59	rain
Bristol	-	0.24	15	59	rain
Cardiff	-	0.65	14	57	rain
Clacton	0.4	0.02	11	52	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	-	0.89	13	55	rain
Cromer	-	0.01	11	52	rain
Douglas	-	2.21	8	46	rain
Eastbourne	-	-	14	57	dull
Edinburgh	-	0.28	11	52	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	1.37	9	48	rain
Exmouth	-	0.43	15	59	rain
Folkestone	0.5	0.03	12	54	cloudy
Glasgow	-	0.52	10	50	rain
Hastings	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Hunstanton	-	0.01	12	54	rain
Jersey	-	*0.04*	14	57	rain
Leeds	-	0.17	12	54	rain
Lerwick	-	0.07	9	48	rain
Littlehampton	-	-	14	57	cloudy
London	-	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Manchester	-	0.29	13	55	rain
Minehead	-	0.83	15	59	rain
Newcastle	0.7	0.25	12	54	rain
Newquay	-	1.04	14	57	rain
Nottingham	-	0.07	12	54	rain
Penzance	-	1.21	14	57	rain
Plymouth	-	0.45	14	57	rain
Poole	-	0.06	15	59	rain
Sandown	-	-	15	59	cloudy
Saunton Snd	-	0.53	14	57	rain
Scilly Isles	-	0.93	13	55	rain
Shanklin	-	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	14	57	cloudy
St. Ives	-	1.44	14	57	rain
Stornoway	0.7	0.10	11	52	rain
Teignmouth	-	0.70	15	59	rain
Tenby	-	1.27	12	54	rain
Tiree	1.5	1.07	10	50	shower
Wick	-	0.27	11	52	rain
Worthing	-	-	14	57	cloudy

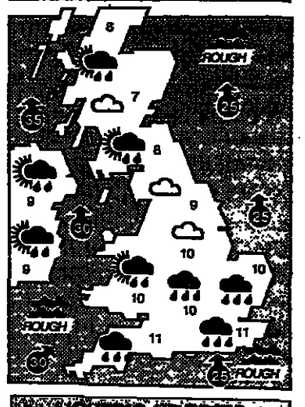
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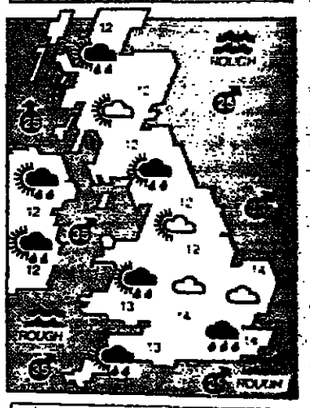
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PM



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London 4.55 pm to 6.55 am
Bristol 4.44 pm to 7.05 am
Edinburgh 4.34 pm to 7.21 am
Manchester 4.37 pm to 7.09 am
Penzance 5.00 pm to 7.13 am

Sun rises: 6.53 am
Sun sets: 4.35 pm
Moon rises 12.48 am
Moon sets 2.15 pm
New moon November 6

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c cloud, f fair, r rain, s sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	r	Guernsey	13	55	c
B'mingham	11	52	r	Inverness	10	50	r
Blackpool	12	54	r	Jersey	13	55	r
Bristol	14	57	c	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	13	55	c	M'chester	12	54	r
Edinburgh	11	52	r	Newcastle	10	50	r
Glasgow	7	45	r	R'nidawey	7	45	r

Manchester

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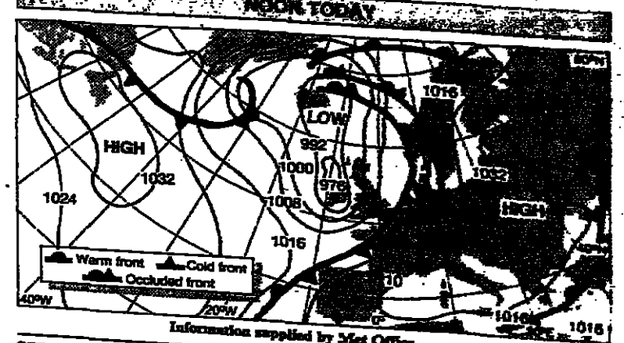
High tides

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London Bridge	8 30	6.0	9.19	6.3
Aberdeen	9 00	3.7	9.11	3.8
Avonmouth	1 49	10.5	2.25	10.9
Belfast	6.34	2.9	6.35	3.3
Cardiff	1 34	9.8	2.10	10.2
Devonport	12.35	4.4	12.59	4.7
Dover	8.15	5.6	7.07	5.8
Falmouth	12.05	4.2	12.29	4.5
Glasgow	7.58	4.2	7.36	4.7
Harwich	6.18	3.4	7.17	3.5
Holyhead	5.49	4.7	6.10	5.0
Hull	12.43	6.2	2.05	6.2
Ilfracombe	12.52	7.3	1.28	7.7
King's Lynn	1.05	5.4	2.14	5.4
Leith	9.58	4.9	10.31	4.9

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	6.24	7.6	6.52	8.2
Lowestoft	3.48	7.3	5.28	7.2
Margate	6.42	4.2	7.46	4.5
Milford Haven	1 14	5.5	1 46	5.8
Newquay	12.14	5.5	12.48	5.8
Oban	1 40	3.0	2 13	3.4
Penzance			12.16	6.7
Portland	1 49	1.6	1 53	1.9
Portsmouth	6.51	4.3	7 11	4.2
Shoreham	6 19	5.3	6 39	5.1
Southampton	6.24	4.1	6.47	4.0
Swansea	1 14	7.4	1 51	7.8
Tees	11.38	4.5	11.38	4.7
Wilton-on-Nze	6 22	3.5	7 16	3.7

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28084.

Noon today



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FRAUD CHARGE



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PAST V PRESENT

Peter Lilley, the present industry secretary, and Michael Heseltine, former occupant of the post, square up to each other at a CBI conference next week
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QC ON BOARD



Clare Tritton, a QC, has been brought in as a non-executive director of Severn Trent, the water company whose finance director resigned yesterday
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TOMORROW

PROFILE



Alick Rankin, chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, is a descendant of the first Earl of Stair, who ordered the massacre of Glencoe. That warrior spirit lives on

COST OF LAZINESS

Millions of pounds are going begging because investors do not notify financial institutions of their new addresses. Lindsay Cook and Sara McConnell count the cost of this laziness

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7380 (+0.0025)
German mark
2.9089 (-0.0059)
Exchange index
90.8 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1962.3 (-16.4)
FT-SE 100
2566.0 (-11.1)
New York Dow Jones
3066.64 (-5.14)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25222.28 (+241.10)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank 10$^{15}/_{32}$-10⅜%
3-month eligible bills: 10-9$^{31}/_{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 5⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4.80-4.76%*
30-year bonds 102$^{28}/_{32}$-102⅝%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7440	£: $1.7425*
£: DM2.9081	$: DM1.6682*
£: SwFr2.5556	$: SwFr1.4651*
£: FFr9.9487	$: FFr5.7010*
£: Yen227.68	$: Yen130.55*
£: Index:90.8	$: Index:84.2
ECU £0.702425	SDR £0.786471
£: ECU1.423639	£: SDR1.271502

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $357.40 pm-$357.45
close $357.70-358.20 (£205.70-206.20)
New York:
Comex $359.45-359.95*

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Brent (Nov) $22.05 bbl ($21.85)

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Shake-up follows criticism over pay

Chairman and deputy resign from Ultramar

By Martin Barrow

THE chairman and the deputy chairman of Ultramar have resigned just three days before the diversified oil and gas group is due to publish its defence against a £1.2 billion hostile bid by Lasmo.

John Darby, chairman since July 1988, and Lord Remnant, deputy chairman for 10 years, resigned suddenly after extensive criticism of remuneration arrangements for senior managers of the company. The two non-executive directors will receive a total of £775,000 in compensation. A third non-executive director, Lloyd Bensen, has also resigned.

Lasmo, which has offered a one-for-one share exchange, dismissed the departures as irrelevant, adding that directors responsible for Ultramar's current situation had not been displaced. "The departure of Mr Darby and Lord Remnant does not address the company's weaknesses," a spokesman said. Ultramar shares rose 1p to 344p while Lasmo slipped 7p to 318p.

Mr Darby said: "As chairman I must take responsibility for the unexpectedly disappointing performance in the first half of this year. I must also acknowledge that certain aspects of the remuneration arrangements for senior management of the group have attracted considerable adverse comment.

"I believe it is in the best interests of shareholders that I should do my best to remove these issues from the debate so that shareholders can focus more effectively on the strong prospects for Ultramar relative to those of Lasmo."

Michael Beckett, a non-executive director since 1981, will serve as acting chairman for the duration of the bid and will appoint a permanent successor if Ultramar retains its independence. Mr Beckett said: "We have recognised several corporate governance issues and three people have resigned from the board. But there has been no knife, no execution. They have resigned with dignity and in stepping down they have risked their reputations and a significant part of their compensation."

Jean Gaulin, chief executive, and Peter Raven, chief financial officer, retain their positions in the shake-up.

Mr Bensen, a former chairman, has received no compensation. He has, however, reserved his rights in respect of his service agreement with the company, which was worth $600,000 a year, and may receive up to $2 million.

Mr Darby and Lord Remnant were entitled to total compensation of £5.1 million but have agreed to receive substantially less than their service agreements provide for, although the package might still be considered generous.

Mr Darby will receive compensation of £680,000 in respect of the termination of two service agreements with the group and his pension entitlement has been increased from £43,000 a year to £53,000. His annual salary under the service agreements was £200,000 and $400,000 respectively, with each agreement spanning four years and 11 months from July 1, 1988, automatically renewed each year. Lord Remnant's annual salary was $95,000 and, in addition, he received £7,500 in director's fees. The agreement, which would have automatically ended in 1995 when Lord Remnant reached the retirement age of 65, has been terminated on payment of £95,000.



Beckett: acting chairman

Mr Beckett, a former director of Consolidated Gold Fields and, more recently, of Tace, said that a review of service agreements was underway before the Lasmo bid. "The review proceeded at a pace although, in retrospect, not fast enough," he said.

A new remuneration committee headed by Mr Beckett and comprising Bernard Ness and Ronald Utiger, also non-executive directors, has been formed and Mr Gaulin has been invited to represent senior management.

Lasmo estimates that the total value of outstanding service agreements is £16 million. Mr Gaulin has a service agreement with American Ultramar Limited worth $1.05 million a year. He also has an outstanding company loan of $222,245.

Mr Beckett said that the boardroom shake-up would not materially affect the contents of Ultramar's defence document, which will be published on Monday, the last possible day allowed by the bid timetable. "Lasmo has been trying to steal the company from shareholders under the guise of corporate governance," he said. "Shareholders have a right to know what is the true value of the company."

The defence document is likely to focus on the value of the individual components of Ultramar's upstream business in Britain and Indonesia and downstream activities in North America. Chris Greentree, chief executive of Lasmo, has said he will seek buyers for the downstream interests, but Ultramar may unveil its own programme of disposals.



Confident but careful: Norman Lamont spoke of improvement in the economy but emphasised the need for caution

Lamont damps rate cut hopes

By Anatole Kaletsky and Neil Bennett

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, yesterday reiterated his conviction that the economy was "now on the road to recovery" but gave no hint of any further easing in government policy to help the recovery along.

The Chancellor's eagerly awaited speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet in the City looked back at the success of the government's economic policies over the past year and affirmed confidence in the future. But Mr Lamont's only significant announcement was that he would present the autumn statement on public spending plans and economic prospects next Wednesday.

Since the banquet is the traditional occasion for announcing changes in monetary and financial policy, the Chancellor's speech effectvely precluded a number of possible initiatives. The City had speculated on a move by sterling into the narrow band of the European exchange-rate mechanism and on a change in the government's accounting rules which would have made it easier to fund next year's public sector borrowing requirement. Both were effectively ruled out last night.

Mr Lamont's emphasis on the improvement in the economy and the continuing need for caution in the conduct of monetary policy also suggested that there was little or no scope for further interest rate cuts in the near future. Mr Lamont also spoke of the financial challenges facing the Soviet Union. He said that one of the Soviet Union's most pressing needs was to develop an efficient banking system, and he urged the City to help in this process. He suggested that every major financial institution in London might consider taking in Soviet personnel for training and he urged the City to develop closer ties with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in providing technical assistance and investment.

The Chancellor also announced that Britain will issue a series of three-year Treasury notes denominated in ecus. The notes, the first of which is likely to be sold early next year, will be designed to fill a gap in the maturities currently in the ecu market and to enhance London's leading rolein the market.

The new ecu notes will be sold through a regular series of tenders, probably at quarterly intervals. Treasury officials said that no decision had yet been made about the size of the first ecu note issue. They confirmed that there would be no change in the public sector accounting arrangements and that the proceeds of ecu issues would be added to Britain's official reserves and would not count as funding the public sector borrowing requirement.

Robin-Leigh Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, called for a steady and sustainable economic recovery, instead of rapid expansion, to ensure the long-term defeat of inflation, in his banquet speech. He said "stability of prices and policy" was the basis for steady economic growth in the next decade. Later he turned to banking matters and stressed the need for a well-capitalised and regulated international banking system which would inspire confidence in its customers and provide a better service to the economy.

Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the London Stock Exchange, announced a new initiative to establish a European stock market and promised changes in the exchange's systems to improve the liquidity in smaller company shares.

Mr Hugh Smith said he was talking to regulators and other European exchanges about the formation of an international equity market. "The new market should be joined by all major securities houses in other European centres. The rules should be devised and enforced by practitioners from other financial centres as well as in London," he said.

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ICI advances 22% in third quarter

By Angela Mackay

ICI'S restructuring continued to bear fruit in its third quarter, with pre-tax profits rising 22 per cent to £196 million. But the chemical group said trading conditions in most of its markets showed little sign of improvement.

Profits for the first nine months still lag well behind those of last year, down 21 per cent at £703 million after the company suffered a sharp downturn in the first quarter.

Analysts said the result was mostly in line with forecasts but noted that trading did not improve as much as expected in September. Smith New Court and BZW are predicting full-year pre-tax profits of £900 million and £875 million respectively, compared with £977 million last year.

Sir Denys Henderson, ICI chairman, said most businesses showed improvement from tighter cost controls but demand remained depressed in many countries. The reshaping announced last February was described as "on target".

So far, cost-cutting has lifted pre-tax profits this year by about £75 million or about £100 million, annualised.

Pharmaceuticals had a record quarter, reporting £147 million, compared with £132 million. Paints and explosives also improved.

For the first three quarters, group sales were down 4 per cent year on year, compared with 7 per cent at the half year and a 12 per cent fall in the first quarter. This improvement is due partly to markets opening up in eastern Europe.

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Exchange loses news priority

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

THE government has forced the London Stock Exchange to abandon its rule that companies must make price-sensitive announcements, such as profits or takeover bids, through its regulatory news service before sending them to other news organisations.

The change follows a complaint by Reuters, which operates a financial news agency, that the Stock Exchange rules breached article 86 of the EC treaty, which bans abuse of a dominant position "insofar as it may affect trade between member states".

John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, agreed with Reuters after considering a report by Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading.

The Stock Exchange has made it clear that it disagrees with the decision but was forced to accept it after prolonged discussion with the trade department. The exchange will now propose an alteration of its own rules from January 1.

The exchange fears that the change will undermine its regulatory duty to ensure orderly markets, since price-sensitive announcements could be issued elsewhere before they are checked by the regulatory news service.

An exchange spokesman said: "We believe that the needs of regulation should come first." But Mr Redwood said he had concluded that the anti-competitive effects of the arrangements were greater than necessary for investor protection.

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Companies could lose interest allowance

Barclays plans secret bonus cut

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

BUSINESS customers of Barclays Bank should watch their statements closely. Barclays has told its managers to withdraw an interest rate allowance from clients without telling them, but to leave it untouched if they seem likely to complain.

A confidential memo was sent to branches last week by Geoff Miller, the managing director of the commercial banking division. This tells them to cancel notional interest allowance (NIA) on business accounts from December 2.

"Where the customer is unaware of NIA it is envisaged that it can be removed without reference to the customer," it says. "Particular care will need to be taken with more sophisticated clients where the abolition could jeopardise account retention."

This means that companies who do not know about the benefit will lose it. If they threaten to make a fuss, however, they will continue to receive it in full.

Some branch managers are refusing to carry out the instructions. One said: "We will not employ these underhand tactics."

Barclays' NIA is a long-standing benefit for all business accounts that are in credit. It is calculated at 1 per cent of the average balance in each quarter, and is used to offset bank charges. So a company that keeps £1,000 in its account but runs up £20 a quarter in bank charges will pay only £10.

When Barclays cancelled NIA on its small business accounts earlier this year it received a storm of protest from customers who discovered they were paying bank charges for the first time.

Mr Miller's circular was sent out on October 24, the day that Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, called the banks insensitive in their treatment of small businesses.

The memo stresses the need to avoid criticism. "Care should be taken where any customer is receiving a commission statement or is aware of the principle of NIA. In such situations it would be prudent to defer such negotiations until the next commission review," it says.

Barclays is due to launch its code of business banking next year, a month after the planned abolition of NIA. Under this it would be forced to give notice of such changes.

A spokesman for Barclays said NIA was archaic. "We are talking about a tiny amount of money. Any agreements will be honoured, and managers have complete discretion on the issue."

He said, however, that the circular was badly worded. "If it has been interpreted wrongly it is unfortunate and we would not wish it to be the case."

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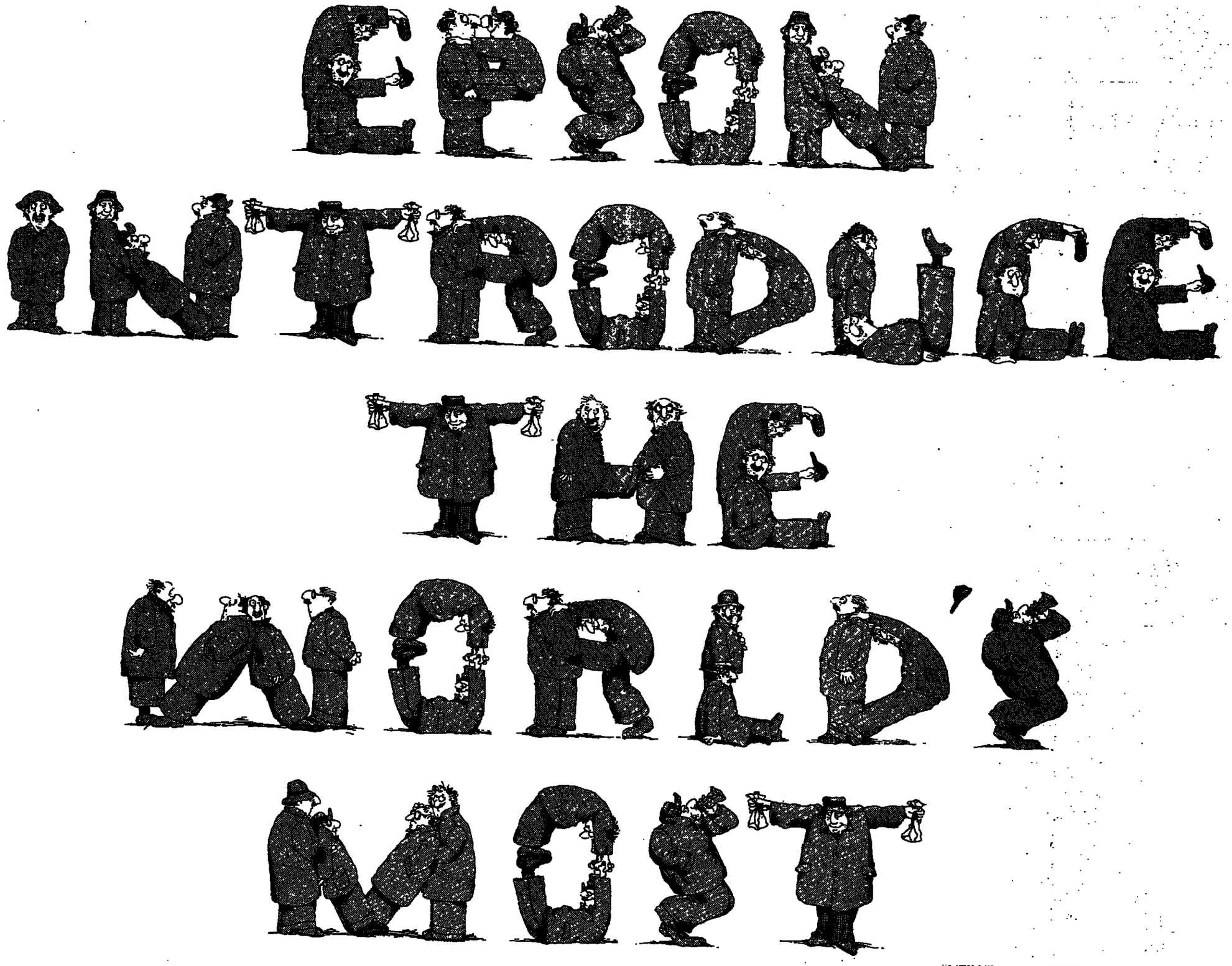
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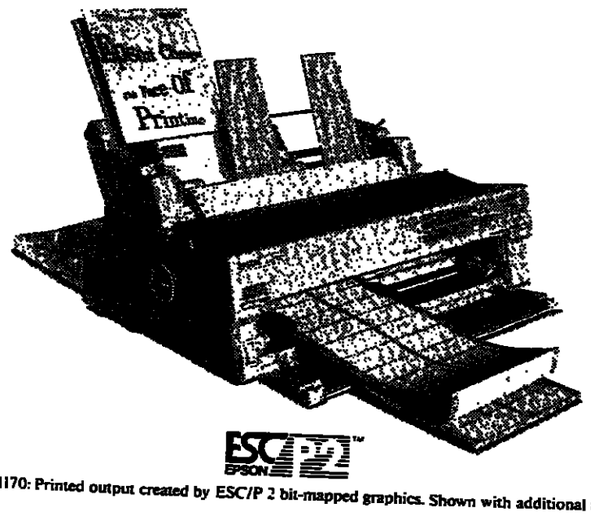
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Guerin on charges of fraud and arms sales to Pretoria

By Angela Mackay

JAMES Guerin, the former deputy chairman of Ferranti International, and several of his associates were charged by the US Justice Department yesterday with a $1 billion fraud and illegal arms sales to South Africa.

Federal prosecutors in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, said Mr Guerin, who was portrayed in the indictments as the architect of the scheme, faced fines of up to $3.75 million and 66 years imprisonment if found guilty.

Armscor, the South African state-affiliated weapons maker, two of its subsidiaries and seven South African nationals were also charged by federal authorities.

Six other men, including Clyde Ivy, a former member of the Ferranti board, who all worked at International Signal & Control, the company founded by Mr Guerin in the early Seventies and merged with Ferranti in 1987, were also charged. Ferranti was forced to reshape its defence and electronics businesses dramatically, making more than £400 million of asset sales, after a £215 million hole in the balance sheet was found in 1989, allegedly caused by fake arms contracts negotiated by Mr Guerin.

The indictments, containing 75 charges against 17 people, end a three-year investigation and for the first time charge Mr Guerin and his associates with criminal offences. Up until now, only civil actions have been brought against them. Ferranti is suing Mr Guerin and three others for the return of at least $187 million.

According to the 51-page indictment, ISC executives created $1 billion worth of fake business to pump up the value of the company, which led to an inflated share price when the company was floated in London in 1982. In another 129-page export indictment, the prosecutors allege ISC used an intricate web of front companies and money laundering to transfer American arms technology to South Africa.

The indictments allege ISC shipped more than $10 million worth of illegal munitions to South Africa over a ten-year period ending in 1989. In addition, the prosecutors allege nearly 50 front companies were were created to circulate more than $700 million to create the illusion of substantial contracts at ISC.

FBI agents arrested five of the defendants yesterday; Mr Ivy, Terrence Faulds, Wayne Radcliffe, Thomas Jesin and Gerald Schuler.

The Serious Fraud Office in London issued a statement saying it helped to prepare the evidence for the indictments and that its own investigation was almost complete.

Regulator acts on power price surges

By Martin Waller

THE generating companies may have to sell key power stations if Professor Stephen Littlechild, the regulator of the privatised electricity industry, finds evidence that they have been using them to force prices up.

Professor Littlechild's Office of Electricity Regulation is investigating the electricity spot market, or pool, which is dominated by National Power and PowerGen, the two generators, after a series of unexplained price surges during August and September. There have also been complaints from electricity users that prices failed to fall as expected during the summer, when demand was at its lowest.

The industry has until Monday to respond to a request for more information from Professor Littlechild. He has said he will give his ruling on the problem and how he plans to deal with it in a month.

Professor Littlechild said the changes could include asking the generators to sell certain power stations. These would be those brought on line at times of peak demand to provide a quick surge of power, but they can also be used to manipulate the price the generators get from the pool.

PowerGen would not comment on Professor Littlechild's remarks except to say that the company was co-operating with the enquiry. A spokesman for National Power said the company welcomed the enquiry, and its operations in the pool had been carried out as normal in past weeks. "We're not responsible for the recent price spikes which have occurred."

The most noticeable of the spikes, or price surges, came on September 9, when the price rose to £160 per megawatt hour, a new peak.

Professor Littlechild has recently adopted an equally tough approach with the other half of the electricity industry in England and Wales, the 12 distributors, calling for the repayment of almost £100 million he says they have overcharged consumers.

Share prices in the two generating companies were driven lower by the news, National Power ending down 3½p at 157½p and Powergen 4p at 166p.

MICHAEL POWELL



New blood: Clare Tritton, on the Severn Trent board

Finance director of Severn Trent quits

By Martin Waller

THE finance director of Severn Trent, one of Britain's biggest water companies, has quit. Stuart Larnder resigned yesterday "to pursue other interests", and the company was unable to locate him.

John Bellak, the chairman, refused to expand on a tersely worded statement on the departure of Mr Larnder, who was brought in before the company's privatisation in 1989. Until a replacement can be found, Mr Larnder's duties will be fulfilled by Roderick Paul, the chief executive.

Mr Bellak said Mr Larnder's decision to step down was "by mutual agreement". "There's nothing sinister or mysterious about it. People do make changes," he said.

The departure provoked some surprise on the part of water analysts, while Severn Trent's share price moved ahead 2p to 338p. The company's management is among the least highly regarded in the industry.

Severn Trent has also announced the appointment of Clare Tritton as non-executive director. Mrs Tritton, a QC, has acted for, among others, BAT Industries in its defence to the bid from Hoylake.

Whitbread becomes leader in off-licences

By Gillian Bowditch

GRAND Metropolitan, the food and drinks group, has sold its offlicence business, the Dominic Group, to Whitbread for £49.5 million in cash. The acquisition will make Whitbread, which owns the Thresher chain, the biggest off-licence group in Britain.

The deal adds 667 outlets to Thresher and gives it 1,600 stores. The 589 Peter Dominic stores will convert to one of Whitbread's four formats – Wine Rack, Thresher Wine Stores, Drink Stores from Thresher, and Food and Drink Stores from Thresher. Whitbread will retain the 78-strong Bottoms Up chain.

The 3,000 employees of the Dominic Group will transfer to Whitbread on existing terms and conditions. But Whitbread, which employs 6,000 people in the Thresher business, said there may be some rationalisation of head office staff.

The acquisition includes a five-year supply agreement with GrandMet's drinks company, International Distillers and Vintners. Peter Jarvis, Whitbread's chief executive said the acquisition represented an important strategic development for the group and gave Thresher an improved geographical spread.

GrandMet, which is retaining related properties worth £8 million, said it would continue to develop its two main retailing brands, Burger King and Pearle Optical. David Tagg, GrandMet's main board director responsible for property and UK retailing, said: "Over the last couple of years we have reshaped GrandMet's retailing activities. In the UK, we are concentrating on Chef & Brewer, our direct managed pubs business, and on the successful Inntrepreneur Estates. We are delighted to have reached this agreement. The arrangement covering the supply of IDV's strong portfolio of brands to Whitbread is particularly pleasing to GrandMet."

GrandMet shares rose 2p to 855p and Whitbread shares fell 1p to 456p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Baring staff failed to collect £300,000

BARING Securities has confirmed that three of its settlements staff have resigned after they failed to collect a debt of £300,000 from PCFC, the London asset management group. PCFC was suspended by the regulatory authorities last week. Andrew Bayliss, a Baring Securities director, said that Baring has started legal proceedings to recover the missing sum. He said that PCFC had incurred the debt over three months of buying Japanese options through the firm. "These three members of staff failed to do their jobs properly and collect money due from a client. It was a combination of carelessness and peculiar oversight," said Mr Bayliss.

PCFC was ordered by Fimbra, the investment regulatory body, to cease investment business on October 21 for failing to meet solvency requirements and keep financial records "in a prudent manner".

Thames Water up 4%

THAMES Water increased pre-tax profits 4 per cent to £118 million on turnover of £436 million in the six months to end-September but the recession cut demand from industrial and commercial customers leading to a marginal drop in profits of the core business to £113 million. Roy Watts, chairman, said the effect of recession showed proposals by the director general of water services to assume a lower cost of capital took an over-optimistic view of the risks of the industry. The interim dividend rises from 6p to 6.4p.

Thames Water Utilities, the core subsidiary, launched a £150 million fixed-rate sterling bond issue yesterday to fund borrowings, which rose from £50 million to £150 million over the year. The 10-year bond carries a 10.5 per cent coupon. Mr Watts said his effective pay, up from £73,000 to £160,000 in the year to end-March, was likely to be lower this year.

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News Corp share issue

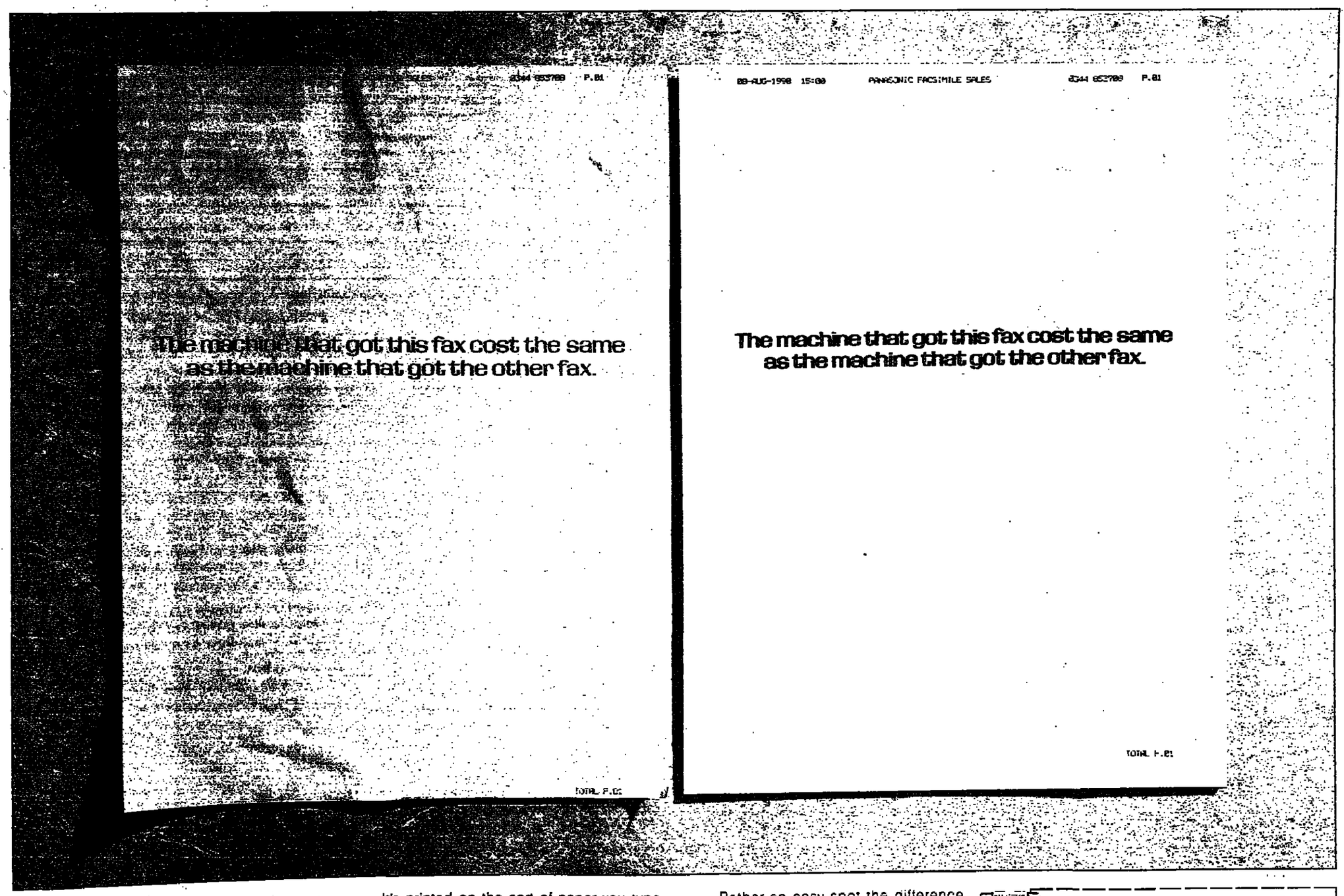
THE News Corporation, the international media group led by Rupert Murdoch, plans to raise $700 million of long-term capital through share and loan issues in the wake of its debt refinancing in February. Shareholders will be asked to approve a $450 million international share offering and a separate offering of at least $250 million of long-term debt. The share offer will be a combined public offer and placing rather than a rights issue, through a prospectus filed with America's Securities and Exchange Commission.

News Corp, parent company of News International, which owns *The Times*, has already made or planned disposals to bring in $500 million. A further $175 million was raised last month by a private placing of $175 million convertible preference shares that may eventually reduce the Murdoch family's interest in News Corp to about 41 per cent. The new share issue would reduce this to below 40 per cent.

Anglo St James in red

ANGLO St James, the property company, slid into the red with a pre-tax loss of £499,000 in the six months to end-June, against a profit of £472,000 last time, as turnover collapsed from £2.92 million to £174,000.

The company said the figures reflect the "extremely adverse conditions" in the commercial property market. The interim figures are the second set of results for the 18 months to end-December, following a change in the year-end. There is a 4.8p loss per per share, against earnings of 5.1p last time. There is no dividend.



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Growing confidence has put economy on road to recovery

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, addressed the Lord Mayor's banquet at Guildhall last night. Elsewhere on this page are extracts of speeches from the London Stock Exchange chairman and the Governor of the Bank of England

WHEN John Major addressed this gathering last year, it was just a fortnight after sterling's entry into the exchange-rate mechanism. We recognised then that two issues were of special importance. The timing; it was crucial to get that right; and second, once the decision to join had been made, we would have to make our membership work.

Financial markets and businesses have come to recognise the strength of our commitment to the ERM. And I am happy to reaffirm it tonight.

And despite a rise in German rates, our interest rates have been cut by 4½ percentage points since John Major's announcement. Britain's interest rate differential with Germany is at its lowest in a decade.

But tonight I want to explain why we can be confident about Britain's economic prospects.

The UK, along with many other countries, including the US, Australia and Canada, has been in recession for much of the past year.

In the late 1980s, consumers and businesses borrowed excessively, and this led to growth rates which proved unsustainable and ultimately inflationary. Some adjustment was necessary. And it has been painful.

In Britain, we are now on the road to recovery. Retail sales are on an upward trend; the monthly increase in unemployment has fallen sharply; imports of raw materials and capital goods are up. Narrow money, which tends to rise in line with money GDP, has moved into the upper half of its target range.

The vital extra ingredient is confidence. How often have I been told that recovery would not start until confidence was restored? Well, the clear message of a variety of recent business surveys is that confidence *is* returning.

The most important of these is the latest CBI quarterly trends survey. In the past, this survey has been a good predictor of turning points in the economy. And so we can take great comfort from the fact that optimism about the business situation is now positive for the first time since 1988. Output expectations too are up again.

Less happily for financial markets, this year has seen investigations into misconduct in the securities markets in New York, Tokyo, Frankfurt and Milan. And the headlines have been dominated by the closure of BCCI.

I shall not pre-empt Lord Justice Bingham's enquiry. Nonetheless, I would like to make a couple of preliminary observations.

First, the closure of BCCI showed the enormous disruption that is unavoidable if a retail bank closes abruptly. There is simply no way in such cases of warning depositors without precipitating a crisis which will do just as much damage to depositors as closure itself.

Second, BCCI and other cases this year have brought out the international character of financial services. Supervisory and legal structures both here and abroad need to meet that challenge.

That does not mean setting up a supranational leviathan to oversee the industry worldwide. But we do need to build on the progress already made within the Community and the Basle Group; to improve co-ordination between supervisors and to agree common minimum standards.

To give just two examples: we need to ensure that there are no "black holes" in international groups. Subsidiaries and associates are sometimes located in offshore centres whose transactions are invisible to supervisors in the main financial centres. And we need to look again at who bears the cost of protecting deposits in international banks; there is much to be said for the principle that the country of incorporation should also be the country to pay for deposit protection.

Economic and monetary union is the issue of the moment. We have made it crystal clear throughout that we could not accept any changes to the Treaty of Rome that would bind the UK to *move to a single currency* without a separate decision by the United Kingdom.

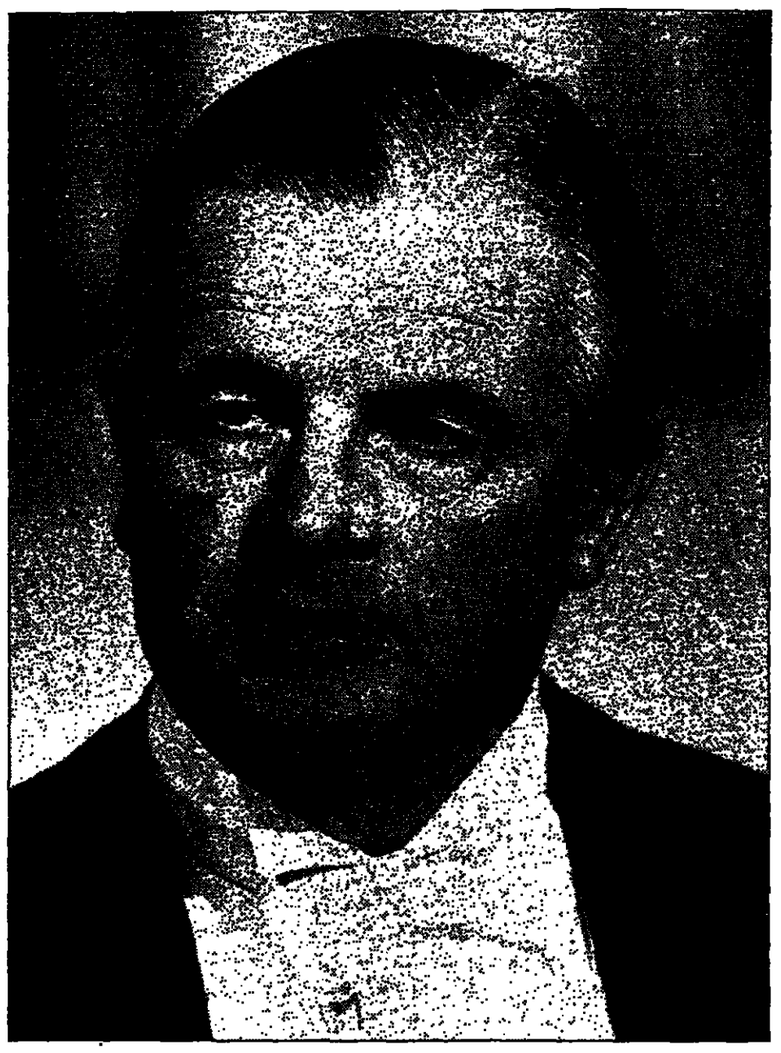
But, *in my view*, it would have been unthinkable for the United Kingdom simply to turn its back on the EMU negotiations. Our economic future is increasingly bound up with that of Europe.

Monetary integration in Europe is a process that is already under way. It does not come from governments alone. We've seen, in the last decade, the increasing integration of capital markets. We've seen, for example, closer monetary links between Germany and the Benelux countries. The key point about these developments is that they have evolved naturally, through the market.

The future role of the ecu amongst the major world currencies will be of great significance to the City, which has already established a clear lead in the ecu market. We wish to build on that. The government's ecu bond and Treasury bill programme has played a key role, and I am pleased to announce tonight our intention of launching a 3-year ecu note programme next year, after the current EMU negotiations are concluded.

Those negotiations have been lengthy and complex. It's been hard going. But, as you know, we have now received the latest text from the Dutch presidency. And I am glad to say that it shows that our constructive approach is bearing fruit.

The new text reflects many of the points I have been pressing, and it goes a long way towards meeting our concerns. But there is still much work to be done. I will carry on negotiating in good faith. The government's aim is an agreement at Maastricht which satisfies the aspirations of us all.



Facing realities: Andrew Hugh Smith questions the regulatory standards debate

Efficiency cannot come from market 'theology'

Andrew Hugh Smith, Chairman of the London Stock Exchange, spoke about regulatory problems facing the City after the Big Bang and the international threats London faces

BIG Bang took place five years ago this very week. I would not go quite so far as to say that this was a rifle shot which rang round the world like that fateful gunshot in Sarajevo. But the echoes of both are with us still.

On the global racetrack of international trading we lead the field and we mean to keep that position. But here too we *have work to do.*

I should like to say something of the regulatory tasks and the hurdles ahead. First some of the difficulties. In this country, and particularly in the City, we have a long established tradition of regulation which is geared closely to the machinery of the particular markets it affects and which maintains the necessary flexibility to meet changing conditions.

Above all perhaps, we have been quick to recognise the dramatic changes which have *taken place in financial markets* in the last quarter century. We have done much to *adapt our regulatory system to* deal with them.

In the EC we still face a determined effort by many countries to drive business into nationally based markets, just when economic and technological forces are breaking down geographical barriers and making such restrictions unenforceable. We find our United States colleagues complaining of institutional business in US stocks being done in London, not, alas on my own exchange, but right away from regulated markets.

The effect of not facing the realities of the market place is to drive business, and ultimately the market itself, into dark corners and under stones.

The international debate about regulatory standards is *currently being conducted* largely by the regulators of other countries, without any *significant reference to those* who are responsible for the markets and their efficiency. It *is taking on the characteristics* of a theological discussion. The theologians these days, my Lord Mayor, do not count angels dancing on pin-heads. They give them stop-watches and tell them to time trades. That is not the way to ensure market efficiency or appropriate regulation.

Prices and policy stability will be the basis for steady growth

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, says the British economy must not be allowed to swing between recession and unsustainable expansion in the Nineties

WE IN the City of London are often accused of taking an unnecessarily short-term view of industry and its prospects. So let me tonight step back from the current conjuncture and look at the long-term opportunities and challenges which face the British economy in the 1990s.

The most important task facing *us in the 1990s is to* ensure that we do not swing between recession and unsus*tainable expansion.*

What is the basis of steady growth? My answer, in a word, is "stability". Stability of prices and stability of policy. With price stability, monetary values provide clear and unambiguous signals; no one can be misled by the changing value of money.

But I stress price stability not because it is an end in itself; plainly our basic economic objectives are fundamental things like higher living standards and the prevention of poverty. But in recent decades the pursuit of these other goals has been thrown off course because of the great damage done to our society by inflation, and the consequent need to take action to bring it down. And the cumulative past failures to control inflation make the necessary corrective action painful for us all.

Stability of policy — especially monetary and fiscal policy — is also vital, and is, perhaps, the most important contribution that government can make to providing an environment favourable to investment and prosperity. There has too often been a temptation to manage policy in order to raise output and reduce unemployment in the short run. This discretionary fine-tuning of policy has invariably led to inflation.

The commitment of the authorities to maintaining the value of the currency is an essential ingredient of a stable policy. And this makes it vital that we have a credible medium-term nominal framework. In times of substantial innovation in financial markets, money aggregates may not provide a clear picture; and it may then be more helpful to express our policy objective in terms of some other variable, such as nominal GDP or the exchange rate. But, in any event, of much greater importance is the credibility of the policy stance itself.

An important element in our recent strategy has been membership of the ERM. In the past 12 months, we have seen inflation steadily reduced, and interest rates with it, but sterling has remained relatively stable, underlining the credibility of our policies. Membership of the ERM will remain a key part of our strategy; its strength depending too on the commitment of our partners to the objective of price stability. And indeed it is that shared commitment to counter-inflationary policies both here and in the rest of Europe which will be essential to the success of the closer co-operation and integration envisaged in the monetary sphere.

Perhaps the most important lesson of the past — and one which has had to be learned again and again — is that "the quick fix" does not work. It is the consistent application of a medium-term policy that provides the foundations for stable non-inflationary growth. Price stability is the foundation upon which genuinely sustainable growth and prosperity rest; without it we shall not match the best among our peers. So our aim now should be for a steady recovery, rather than a rapid expansion which requires correction later. I shall judge policy to be successful when price stability has become part of the accepted economic background against which businessmen and bankers go about their business; and when monetary policy is sufficiently uncontentious — indeed uneventful — that only central bankers worry about it.

While the benefits of liberalisation and competition are clear, I am conscious that there have been suggestions that it has been accompanied by a lowering of standards of conduct. There has obviously been a disturbing number of financial scandals recently, in many financial centres around the world. But it is important to keep this in perspective. Problems in the financial world tend to be very evident, whereas the way in which the large part of the financial community steadily conforms with high standards does not attract remotely comparable attention or comment.

Those scandals which have been seen might, I agree, have something to do with the new competitive climate. *But it is a* mistake to lay the blame on liberalisation. Liberalisation has actually brought with it increasing vigilance on the part of regulators and market authorities. And there is now a greater degree of codification of standards of conduct, of heightening awareness of what is permitted and of making breaches of the rules more clear cut than before.

British Gas advises its contract customers of changes to the FI4 Schedule.

With effect from 1st November 1991 British Gas introduces the following changes to its FI4 Schedule:

The maximum daily consumption of gas to a premises under this Schedule shall not exceed 630,000 therms per day.

No supply of Interruptible gas may be taken under a contract under any FI price Schedule in respect of any premises which are, or become, the subject of a contract for the supply of Interruptible gas under any British Gas LTI or LVST price Schedule.

Copies of updated Schedules are available from the Registered Office or Regional Head Offices of British Gas plc.

British Gas introduces the LargeVolume Short Term Interruptible Gas Schedule for its Contract Gas Customers.

REF: LVST1 *Effective from: 1st November 1991*

(I) Introduction

Under Section 14(4) of the Gas Act 1986, British Gas may enter into Special Agreements (contracts) with Customers for the supply of gas through pipes to premises which they own or occupy on the prices and terms shown in this Schedule subject to the conditions of a standard contract entitled "Special Agreement for the Supply of Gas: Large Volume Short Term Interruptible Gas." British Gas reserves its position as to whether to enter into contracts where it considers that to do so is not consistent with its overall duties under Section 9(1) of the Gas Act 1986. The prices and terms shown do not apply to back-up gas or to the other forms of supply identified in Condition 5 of British Gas' Authorisation.

Copies of this Schedule and conditions of contract are available from the Registered Office or Regional Head Offices of British Gas plc.

(ii) Standard Terms of a Large Volume Short Term Interruptible Gas Contract.

Gas will be supplied under a standard contract, on the basis that the supply is taken for not more than 6 months to a Customer wishing to consume gas at a premises in its ownership or occupation at which its *Nominated Consumption of gas for the period* chosen must be not less than 50 million therms and not more than 150 million therms at the premises, the consumption starting not earlier than 1st January 1992 and finishing not later than 31st October 1995 and being taken under a profile of hourly and daily consumption agreed with British Gas.

No Customer (including its affiliate companies, see note 10) may enter into more than one contract under this Schedule and no supply may be taken under such a contract *in respect of any premises* which are, or become, the subject of a contract for the supply of Interruptible gas under any British Gas FI or LTI price Schedule.

Under the standard contract Terms the supply of gas will be interruptible for a minimum period of * days (see note 8) and a maximum period of 45 days during the contract. The periods of interruption, which will occur at British Gas' discretion, may or may not be continuous.

The Basic Scheduled Reference Price for all quantities of gas consumed under a Large Volume Short Term Interruptible Gas contract will be as follows:-

INDEXATION %	25 Gas Oil	25 Heavy Fuel Oil	50 PPI
BASIC SCHEDULED REFERENCE PRICE (pence per therm) 21.50			

General Notes

1. Conditions of Contract

The notes given in this Schedule summarise elements of the standard conditions of a Large Volume Short Term Interruptible Gas contract and the way in which they will be applied. They are not exhaustive and cannot take precedence over, or modify, any of the terms or conditions of the standard contract entered into by any individual Customer.

2. Nominated Consumption of Gas

The Customer may nominate the consumption of gas to be taken under the contract. This Nominated Consumption must be in the range 50 million therms to 150 million therms inclusive. The Customer shall take at least, or make a Minimum Payment for gas equivalent to, 80% of this Nominated Consumption of gas. If the supply has been interrupted at the direction of British Gas, then an allowance will be given for the days interrupted in ascertaining the consumption for the purpose of Minimum Payment Calculations

3. Start Date

The contract will provide for a date upon which supplies may commence and from which date the Minimum Payment obligations will apply.

4. Customer's Financial Status

Before entering into a contract with a potential Customer, British Gas may require the Customer to evidence that he has the financial capability to meet his prospective contractual obligations and to discharge promptly his payment obligations, failing which or a suitable guarantee of its obligations, British Gas may refuse a supply of gas under this Schedule. A suitable guarantee may include a security deposit and/or a direct debiting arrangement.

5. Pressure

The pressures at which British Gas supplies gas vary at different parts of the gas supply system. British Gas will supply gas to a Customer at a pressure above the statutory minimum level if this is available at the point of supply. For pressures up to 35 bar British Gas will use reasonable endeavours to maintain any such elevated pressure.

6. Price of Gas

Under the standard contract the mechanism for determining the price of gas shall be set out in a price indexation formula. Prices are based on Quarter 1 1990 prices.

7. Revision of Terms

The prices and other terms shown in this Schedule may be modified at the discretion of British Gas. These prices and other terms will not be altered within 28 days of any previous alteration without the consent of the Director General of Gas Supply (Ofgas). Customers should note that alterations to the prices and other terms may be put into effect immediately upon notification by British Gas. However, such alterations will not have effect on Customers who have entered into a contract under this Schedule prior to such modification.

8. Interruption

Without prejudice to the rights of British Gas to interrupt supplies of gas provided in accordance with this Schedule, the requirement for a minimum period of interruption shall be deemed to have been suspended unless and until *at least three months have expired from the giving by British Gas of notice* under the contract with the Customer of its intention to implement such minimum period of interruption.

9. Taxation

The prices in this Schedule are exclusive of Value Added Tax or any other tax, duty or impost.

10. Affiliate Companies

For the purposes of paragraph (a) above "Affiliate" means

(a) any holding company or subsidiary company of the Customer or any company which is a subsidiary of such a holding company and the expressions "holding company" and "subsidiary company" shall have the meaning specified in Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985 (except that the words "a majority of" in Section 736(1) (a), (b) and (c) shall be replaced with the words "50 per cent or more of"); or

(b) any company which controls a Customer or any company which is subject to control by a company which also controls a Customer using the definition of control set out in Section 416(2)(a), (b) and (c) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (except that the words "the greater part of" in those Sections 416(2)(a),(b) and (c) shall be replaced with the words "50 per cent or more of").

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Steady as she goes at Thames

JAMES CALVERT-JONES

THAMES Water has given a suitably sober lead to the results season of the privatised water groups in a period of political and regulatory fervour.

Its interim dividend, which showed a big notional increase last year, rises by a modest 6.7 per cent. Even if headline inflation fell temporarily to about 3.5 per cent in November, the reference period for next year's prices, real dividend growth would be back in the realms a regulator could live with.

That remains a good dividend rise in a recession. The other news from Thames is that the water industry, though resistant to recession, is not immune to it.

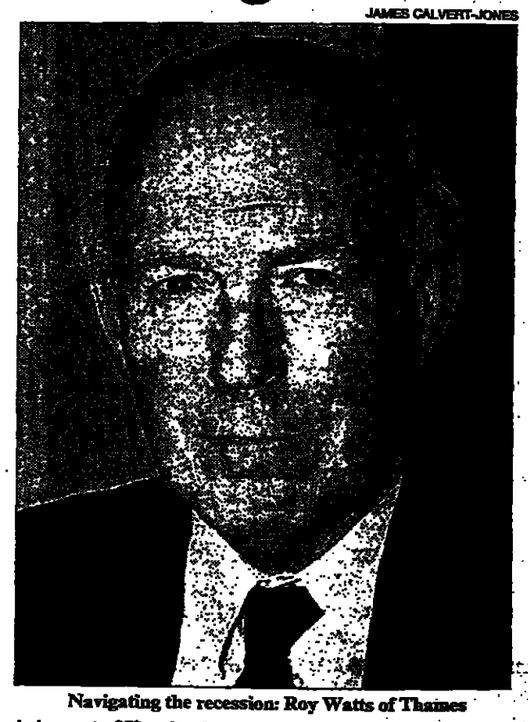
Metered water supplies, which are about a quarter of total water and sewerage charges for Thames, dropped 5 per cent in the six months to end-September. That *is likely to cost* the group about £9 million in a full year, which comes *straight out of profits.*

Profits for the main business fell £1 million to £113 million, but the *non-regulated* businesses, mainly water treatment contracting, improved from a £1 million loss to a £5 million profit, leaving pre-tax profits up 4 per cent to £118 million, in line with earnings.

The second half should be better in relative terms. The first half bore extra costs to recover the leakage programme and avoid hosepipe bans while last year's second-half profits were below trend.

On that assumption, the final dividend should also rise somewhat faster than the interim, restoring the balance. At 372p, the shares sell at about 6.8 times likely earnings, while the prospective dividend yield is also about 6.8 per cent.

Water shares rightly underperformed in the rising stock market as regulatory fears have come to the fore. Like most others, Thames will engage in "voluntary restraint" on prices next year as well as absorbing extra regulatory costs. Dividend growth from core businesses should be sound.



Navigating the recession: Roy Watts of Thames

Thames's reputation as a quality water company under Roy Watts, the chairman, has greatly increased. Investment is going hand in hand with rationalisation, innovation and service improvement. The group does not look so well placed in non-utility activities that have come back into favour as the hostile role of the regulator becomes clearer.

These are, however, still early days for diversification and Thames is beginning to make what it has work. In a wider context than water, there are few big companies with such a solid business and good management selling on such a modest rating.

Ross Group

CAR alarms may rank among the more irritating of recent innovations but they are one of the few things to have backed the recession.

Ross Group, the electronics and packaging group, appears to have paid a handsome price for Stellar, the UK distributor of Gemini vehicle security products. A botched factory relocation left Stellar nursing a £2.54 million pre-tax loss, debts of *£6.5 million* last year and net assets of £1.5 million last year compared with an asking price of *£8.8 million.*

But the new Ross team has a record of turning strugglers around and in Roger Shute, chairman, has one of the toughest senior managers around. Losses at Stellar have been stemmed by its current management. Savings and controls should yield healthy profits in 1992.

Ross's £11.5 million rights issue means Stellar's debt can be absorbed without straining the group's balance sheet. Pre-tax profits of £4.6 million in 1992 would give 0.55p of earnings, putting the shares on a forward price/earnings multiple of just over 18 times. Despite reservations on price, Roger Shute's *past performance* suggests that the rights should be taken up.

COMMENT

A charter for insiders

John Redwood, corporate affairs minister, has just resolved a dispute between the news agency Reuters and the Stock Exchange. But his decision may bring some highly undesirable side-effects and threatens the security of the whole process through which companies make price-sensitive announcements to their shareholders.

Stock Exchange rules rightly prevent company announcements passing to third parties until they have been released through the exchange's own regulatory news service. This screen-based service, subscribed to by the financial community and the media in large numbers, provides the first public disclosure of price-sensitive data. The world and his dog are free to buy and sell shares on the basis of the information as soon as it flashes up on the screen. To do so beforehand may constitute a criminal offence called insider trading.

According to Mr Redwood's interpretation of EC rules, however, the Stock Exchange is abusing its power as a news provider. Commercial news vendors should be allowed to have access to company announcements at the same time they are passed to the exchange, he says. This is a crude and simplistic judgment that means there will be no central release point for price-sensitive data, which may in future arrive at different times and in different places. If things go badly wrong, the Redwood ruling will prove to be a charter for spivs and insiders.

Mr Redwood should take heed of the fact that in disclosing company announcements to the world, the Stock Exchange is acting both as a regulator and a news vendor. In order to preserve the orderly securities markets that are crucial to London's standing as a financial centre, the regulatory function of policing a fair and centralised distribution of information should be recognised as more important than any minor inconvenience caused to other commercial news vendors.

As a notable "dry" in the government, Mr Redwood knows well that regulators are frequently required to curb free competition for the sake of higher goals. He has opened the door to the danger of leaks of price-sensitive information through the several commercial news vendors that may be given access to it in the future. The only way the Stock Exchange can protect shareholders would be to ban dealings covering a period before price-sensitive information is released by companies until after it has been released on the exchange's regulatory news service. This is a poor prospect of no help to anyone, but anything less threatens disorderly markets.

ICI on target

The government may be gleefully heralding signs of economic economy but the chairman of ICI cannot see it. Sir Denys Henderson finds no "significant improvement" and points out that the bulk of the increase in his company's pre-tax profits in the third quarter was caused by cost-cutting, not better trading conditions in major markets. Sir Denys's measured response was greeted coolly by the market, which pushed ICI shares 15p lower to £12.72. While the company does not expect market conditions to worsen, Sir Denys is clearly not banking on a fairytale surge in the fourth quarter to bring profits back to last year's level.

Some businesses, such as agrochemicals and materials, have registered big improvements based on the effects of the reshaping announced by Sir Denys in February. What ICI is aiming for is savings of £400 million a year by the end of 1993, by which time the profit cycles for its products on international markets should be swinging higher again.

Certainly, the chemicals giant's reshaping is on target, with annualised savings this year expected to be £150 million, but this rate cannot slacken if the group is to achieve its eventual goal. So far as a bid from Hanson is concerned, the market seems to be slowly discounting the prospect.

This belief is nurtured by comments from Lord Hanson this week, to the effect that his plan "backfired" and that ICI made a mistake by looking a gift horse in the mouth. So be it. But the idea of a predator lurking outside ICI headquarters in Millbank obviously had a galvanising effect on the board, which should see the company return earnings per share to more than 100p by the end of 1992.

Business chiefs fired up for a seaside showdown

Michael Heseltine and Peter Lilley are expected to come out shooting at the CBI's annual conference, Philip Basset finds



Insiders at the Confederation of British Industry are already calling it the Gunfight at the OK Corral. Not, perhaps, original; but telling.

They are talking about the appearance at the CBI's annual conference in Bournemouth next week of both Peter Lilley and Michael Heseltine, current and, if Whitehall rumour is to be believed, future industry secretaries. What the two offer as the future shape of British industry is markedly different.

It could, of course, all be more different still. Labour could be elected, and Gordon Brown could step into Mr Lilley's shoes with an updated and streamlined brand of more openly interventionist industrial policy. But there is not much doubt about industry's judgment. "On the whole," says John Banham, CBI director-general, "our members believe that their shareholders are best served by a Conservative government."

A year ago, in the final days of Margaret Thatcher, industry's support for the Conservatives looked less sanguine. Worried by divisions over Europe, Mr Banham called on the government to "get your act together", or face electoral defeat. Only now will Mr Banham acknowledge how large was industry's unease. "The reason why our members were very unhappy this time a year ago was that a) it was obviously divided, and b) it was getting itself into a position where it was offside on Europe," he said.

Europe is now central to the CBI and industry's thinking, and both will closely watch the inter-governmental conferences in Maastricht. Mr Banham is unequivocal: "Much better to walk away from a deal than sign a bad one," he says.

A good deal for British industry in Europe is one in line with current CBI policy on Europe: moves towards monetary union, more power for the European court, more even enforcement of community legislation and less community-wide competence, especially in social areas — the hated and feared social charter.

Mr Banham believes John Major's government is now back on track over Europe, but not yet over industry more generally. The CBI describes its relationship with the government as "wholly constructive and useful", though not much of that is signalled in its criticisms of the role and purpose of the trade and industry department in its new mission document on manufacturing industry, *Competing with the world's best*, which will form much of the spine of the conference.

What the CBI is seeking, with the backing companies such as IBM, Vickers, ICI and TI, is an industry department less obsessed purely with regulation and competition, and one more openly supportive of industry, especially in Brussels. "Interventionism" is not a word that much passes CBI leaders' lips, except caustically; but that is what it looks like, in an updated and largely EC-based form.

John Banham, who was appointed to his previous job at the Audit Commission by Michael Heseltine, is careful not to say so, but the thrust of this new CBI work on manufacturing is almost wholly in line with the kind of industrial policy adumbrated by Mr Heseltine, and almost wholly out of line with that from Mr Lilley. Mr Banham says: "There is a very widespread feeling that business collectively and manufacturing needs a more effective voice in Whitehall. But that does not mean that people are looking for interventionism."

Some Whitehall officials see a campaign rolling against Mr Lilley, including newspaper leaks about him being replaced. The conspiracists view the CBI's stance as part of that, and even those still willing to see the CBI as less of a political player accept that the overlap between the CBI's thoughts on manufacturing and those of Mr Heseltine is a remarkable coincidence.

They, and many inside the CBI, look forward with glee to the two men performing at the Bournemouth conference, and draw deep significance from the fact that while Mr Lilley is speaking on the key issue of business and government, he is placed at the start of the conference, while Mr Heseltine, a stirring conference performer, all but concludes it.

Whatever the outcome of the gunfight at the Bournemouth corral next week, the real determinant of the immediate future of British industry will be the larger shoot-out to follow. The firefight of the general election will redraw the map of industry, as well as politics, before the CBI gathers again next year.

Banham takes stage for last time

Bournemouth will be John Banham's last CBI conference as director general, though he will see the job through to after the election. Mark Radcliffe, a TI director, was appointed last week as one of Mr Banham's deputies, and many business leaders already regard him as the natural successor. As one said yesterday: "They've already got the new man in, haven't they?"

Mr Banham will not say that, although he came gossamer-close in an interview with *The Times* this week, accepting that the CBI now probably wanted someone more closely connected with manufacturing, that no deputy should be appointed without an ability to take over well if a leader goes under the proverbial bus, and that the CBI took a great risk in appointing himself as an outsider five years ago.

In Mr Banham's time, the CBI has managed to carve out for itself an impressive place in the market, with its industrial survey work in particular commanding widespread respect. Mr Banham is uncharacteristically reticent when asked to evaluate his own performance in the job. "I wanted to turn the CBI into a pro-active organisation — that was the priority," he says, "the only source of independent advice about what was going on in the economy, and that was working to promote the long-term competitiveness of British business effectively."

Has he done that? He is studiously impersonal: "Those objectives for the CBI I would like to think demonstrably have been achieved."

US and Soviet truck firms link

An American engineering conglomerate has proclaimed a "strategic alliance" with Kamaz, the company that dominates the Soviet truck industry and is virtually synonymous with Naberezhnye, the town 700 miles northeast of Moscow.

Co-operation between Kamaz and Cummins Engine Company, of Indiana, which last year recorded net losses of $138 million on revenue of $3.46 billion, has started cautiously, with the creation this week of a 50:50 joint venture called Kamdizel.

The new company will buy engines from the Cummins factory at Shotts, in Strathclyde, and sell them to Kamaz and other Soviet customers, with the American firm contributing its skill in marketing, servicing and application engineering.

However, it is clear where Nikolai Bekh, the Kamaz president who last year oversaw his firm's conversion into the Soviet Union's first joint stock company, and Henry Schacht, his counterpart at Cummins, see the alliance leading.

By the year 2000, Kamaz trucks — upgraded with Cummins' help to international standards of fuel efficiency and ecological good behaviour — could be challenging established players, such as Volvo and Fiat, in western Europe and possibly a reformed eastern Europe.

The alliance provides Cummins with a relatively risk-free entrance into the Soviet truck market. For Kamaz, which employs 176,000 people in an almost vertical production chain that turns iron ore into finished lorries, the partnership is a powerful boost at a time when international competition is starting to reach the central Russian plains.

Like virtually all manufacturers in a deficit economy, the 120,000 or so trucks turned out by Kamaz every year are snapped up by domestic users and often resold at several times their nominal price in a flourishing secondary market.

However, there are some inputs, notably certain grades of steel, for which Mr Bekh needs hard currency. Under the old Soviet planning system, a prestigious state enterprise like his would have been well-placed to get dollars or marks from the central authorities in Moscow at a favourable rate. Now, the only way he can get foreign exchange is by competing — not in east European or Third World markets to which Kamaz currently sends a small percentage of its output, but in the heartland of capitalism.

The joint venture should soon be assembling Cummins engines in the Soviet Union. By 1995, this output could amount to 25,000 units per year, and the partnership's ultimate goal is to produce up to 150,000 engines annually.

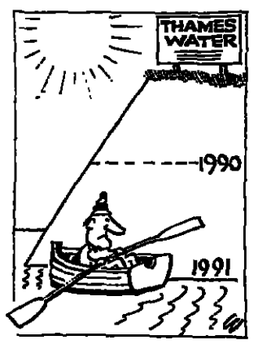
BRUCE CLARK

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Rugby final ticket winners

WAYNE Shelford, the All Blacks captain, is, according to several readers of the City Diary, the chief executive of Slough Estates. Alternatively, he is the son-in-law of the real chief executive, Sir Nigel Mobbs. Or maybe both men have size 11 feet and share the nickname "Buck". These were just some of the 200 or so entries to our Moët & Chandon contest, as to the connection between Shelford and the Slough Estates boss. The first full and correct answer came from Hoare Govett market-maker Martin Pope. It was that Mobbs' great uncle Edgar captained England and Northampton before the first world war, that he was killed in action in 1917, that a Mobbs Memorial Match between East Midlands and the Barbarians is played at Northampton each year, and that Shelford plays for Northampton, has captained the side, and was captain of the East Midlands team at the memorial match on March 6 last season. Pope, aged 37, a bon vivant, and fond of describing himself as the best wet weather fly-half Radley College ever produced, wins two tickets for the World Cup final and a magnum of Moët, signed by England captain Will Carling. The second prize, again of two tickets, goes to Donald Mark, managing partner of the City office of Weatherall, Green & Smith, the chartered surveyor.

☐ *While our commiserations go to disappointed entrants . . . all is not necessarily lost. Laurentian, the investment group, yesterday offered to auction a pair of east lower stand tickets, with a face value of £25 each, for charity. Desperate fans should telephone their bids on (0752) 371371 by 1pm today, and the winner will be notified at 4pm. Proceeds will go to Living Earth, a charity in aid of the world's rainforests. ends*



Paradise lost

LIFE has not been easy for Ken Emery, dapper marketing manager of unit trusts at Save & Prosper. Emery, known for his golfing skills, has spent the past fortnight on the paradise island of Trinidad, advising the government there, which has fallen behind with salary payments to its civil servants. The solution — and the reason for Emery's mission — is to create a fund that will guarantee back pay in years to come. His trip has not been all sunshine and swimming pools, however. Reports filtering back to London are that the food has been awful and that it has poured with rain almost continuously. "He has not even been able to get in a round of golf," says one amused source. Emery, due to return to London today, is now rumoured to have been grounded by an airline strike.

Big deal

NEXT time you complain about Topic, the Stock Exchange computerised dealing system, spare a thought for your continental counterparts.

The total value of all transactions on both of Portugal's exchanges — in Lisbon and Oporto — amount to about £10 million a day. Brokers in Oporto are talking excitedly of an experiment in Lisbon, which allows dealers there to fix share prices on an hourly basis. The experiment began six months ago. In Oporto, share prices alter once a day.

Double vision

SIR Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel chief executive, yesterday received the Invest in Britain campaign's Far-Sighted Award from Jeffrey Archer for ensuring "that Britain is no longer an island". Another award, a pair of thick, tortoise-shell spectacles dubbed the Myopic Award, went to the high street clearing banks "for their ability to aggravate this recession by penalising small businesses on whom recovery depends".

None of the banks sent a representative to collect the trophy. Even Jeffrey Archer, clearly surprised by the second category since he had earlier declared "I'm with the Midland, in fact I *am* the Midland," declined to speak on the banks' behalf.

CAROL LEONARD

BUSINESS LETTERS

Lloyd's action will pass on loss

From Mr R. B. Griswood

Sir, I trust the 985 Lloyd's names party to the present action relating to syndicate 317-1982 year of account are happy with the current and potential results of their efforts to avoid their financial obligations.

Despite having voluntarily joined a commercial operation for gain, knowing that profit equates to risk, they are in effect attempting to severely, if not fatally, damage the very society of which they are members.

To seriously suggest that inter alia, as per Lloyd's List of October 10, 1991, one of the fundamental principles of the whole Lloyd's system and membership should be overthrown because someone in the organisation wrongly translated the currency rate appears ludicrous.

If successful the action would presumably unleash a wave of future actions including the possibility of shareholders suing the chairmen/managing directors of PLCs, their stockbrokers and all and sundry where substantial losses occur through wrong decisions or errors of judgement on the part of the chief executives.

This no doubt to take advantage of the growing protection for the same by such as directors and officers insurance.

Indeed I am advised by the ALM if the present action involving Lloyd's is successful a further six or seven different cases will be forthcoming. The original action and, presumably, all those subsequent have been engineered to attempt to obtain the maximum recovery possible from E&O insurance policies which I understand are largely provided by the other Lloyd's syndicates, thus passing on some members' losses to others plus very substantial legal costs.

Presumably the members of these E&O syndicates will then sue their agents for not anticipating such developments and accumulation, not having the benefit of hindsight, leading to further actions, appeals and additional legal costs, an ever widening circle from the original stone.

It would appear to me that the only people to gain from this whole problem will be the insurance competition around the world, who must be delighted at the publicity given to these self-inflicted wounds, plus the legal profession.

The efforts of the latter seem to suggest that the American system of normal plaintiff remuneration does have some sensible aspects and even restraints.

I write as one of the silent 629 names who do not support the 317 action despite personally writing a substantial line in 1982 without the protection of stop loss insurance.

I have resisted the several approaches of Mr Nutting (who is now a member of the Lloyd's council) and his association, despite the possible potential financial benefits, as I believe that basic principles are more important than money.

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Sunderland.

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More employment laws unnecessary

From Mr Thomas F. Sinclair

Sir, I was pleased to read in your report (October 26) that the Institute of Personnel Management is opposing Michael Howard's plans to introduce yet more employment legislation. Since I first entered the personnel profession over 30 years ago there has been a steady flow of new laws affecting, but all too rarely improving, human relations in the work environment.

More pettifogging laws are not only unnecessary and undesirable but positively counter-productive when this country needs, more than ever, management/workforce co-operation.

As for the suggestion of making collective bargains legally enforceable, is the collective memory of the Conservative Party so short that the "TINALEA" (This is not a legally enforceable agreement) clauses of the early Seventies, which made the law an ass, have been forgotten?

Yours faithfully,
TOM SINCLAIR,
Bank House,
High Street,
Wrotham,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.

Value judgment

From Mr A Jones

Sir, The SIB and sales advice cost: interesting commentary (October 19) — perhaps your feature writers should quote their fees for writing financial articles and whom they have been entertained by — so that the reader can judge the "competence" of the writer and the "unpartiality" of the article . . .

Yours faithfully,
A JONES,
23 Wentworth Avenue,
Whirlowdale Park,
Sheffield.

Elderly neglected by high street shops

From Joan Wrycraft

Sir, So trade is not picking up in the high street. It is hardly surprising. My sister and I, both elderly, went shopping for garments suitable for a wedding reception last week.

After fruitless searches we came home exhausted, our money still intact. Even our usual store, Marks and Spencer, had no underwear to suit our age group — which of course is a quite a large one. Mail order is our only recourse.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN E WRYCRAFT,
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Micheldever,
Nr Winchester,
Hants.

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Serco in £9.7m cash call

Serco Group, the project and facilities management contractor, has launched a one-for-four rights issue at 450p a share to raise £9.7 million to strengthen its capital base.

The market responded favourably to the cash call, underwritten by Lazard Brothers, with the shares closing down only 4p at 546p.

Smart advance

J Smart & Co (Contractors), the Edinburgh building, civil engineering and property development group, reports an 18 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £4.44 million for the year to end-July. The final dividend is 5.8p (5.25p), making a total 7.95p (7.2p).

Rescue hope

The Norwegian government is today expected to announce formal rescue plans for Christiania Bank which needs Kr3.8 billion (£331 million) to meet Norway's capital adequacy rules.

Tullow loss

Tullow Oil, the Irish exploration and production company, held losses at 0.4p a share in the six months to end-June. Pre-tax losses were Ir£64,900 (£59,300), against Ir£48,000. Operating profits were Ir£206,000 (Ir£190,000), offset by amortisation of Ir£270,000 (Ir£238,000).

Delyn down

Delyn Group, the Welsh packaging company, has reported a 31 per cent fall in pre-tax profits from £315,000 to £218,000 for the six months to August 4. The interim dividend is unchanged at 0.45p.

Derwent payout

Derwent Valley Holdings, the property investment company, made a pre-tax profit of £425,000 (£197,000 loss) in the six months to end-June. The interim dividend is 2.9p (2.75p).

Construction industry remains deep in recession

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S construction industry is still deep in recession, despite the more optimistic recent signs from manufacturing, according to a new state of trade enquiry into the building industry.

Earlier this week, the Confederation of British Industry recorded a sharp increase in business confidence, prompting the Chancellor to claim that the recovery from recession was well under way, even though both orders and output in manufacturing are still falling.

But the latest enquiry into construction, published today by the Federation of Master Builders, finds that while the decline in building work has moderated slightly, construction companies are still gripped by recession. Peter Backaller, FMB national president, said: "The industry is still suffering deeply."

Though inflation was now below 5 per cent, the government still persisted in holding interest rates at 10.5 per cent. Mr Backaller added: "We want to see the rate reduced well into single figures and this is needed now to bring confidence back as we enter the winter period."

The federation's latest quarterly survey shows that 53 per cent of construction companies saw a further decline in work during the third quarter, marginally better than the previous three months, when the figure stood at 58 per cent.

Looking ahead to the final three months, companies expect that improvement to continue, though the decline in still steep.

The survey recorded little difference between public and private sector work, with both sectors depressed. But the variation between regions widened, with slight improvements in workload recorded by companies in the North West, the Midlands and Yorkshire. One in three firms were laying off people.

Polly Peck hearing in camera

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE bid by the central bank of northern Cyprus to lift a £38.9 million asset-freezing injunction obtained by the administrators of Polly Peck International continued in secret at the High Court.

Mr Justice Mummery, originally adjourned the case until today but continued the hearing after the bank made a late-night application to the Court of Appeal. There, Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, expressed concern that the judge refused the bank's request for press and public to be excluded from court while its evidence opposing the injunction was read.

Deciding that the hearing should now proceed in private, the judge said he did not go back on his decision that the evidence should be read in open court.



Under pressure: Yasushi Mieno resists an interest cut

Bank of Japan chief denies rate cut plans

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

YASUSHI Mieno, the governor of the Bank of Japan, denied yesterday that he planned to lower interest rates, despite speculation that the appointment of Kiichi Miyazawa as Japan's new prime minister, next Tuesday, would precipitate a cut.

Mr Mieno said that although business confidence was on the wane, "there is no concern that the economy will take a sharp downturn in the near future".

Growth is expected to slow to around 3 per cent in 1992, but the Japanese have been used to growth at twice this rate in recent years and, according to a recent report from the international trade ministry, the Japanese economy is heading for the most serious slowdown since the oil shock of 1973-4.

Mr Miyazawa, a former finance minister who was elected president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party last Sunday, has stated that he is in favour of a further rate cut.

Crash in Brazilian debt trade hits banks

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A CRASH in the Third World debt market this week has left international banks and market speculators nursing losses of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Prices of Brazilian sovereign debt, which is traded actively in London and New York, plunged this week as banks scrambled to sell their holdings. The slump comes after a year-long bull market in Brazilian debt.

The slump was sparked off by investment banks in New York, said to have been led by JP Morgan, selling off large tranches of debt at reduced prices.

The Third World debt market grew up in the mid-Eighties as banks looked for an outlet to sell their vast holdings of rescheduled sovereign debt. Today the market handles an estimated $500 billion of so-called "impaired" debt.

Earlier this year, Brazilian debt prices increased sharply in the hope that the country would come to a debt reduction agreement like Mexico's. Brazilian multi-year deposit facility agreement (Mydfa) debt, a $42 billion issue, reached an all-time high in September of 40 cents on the dollar.

Since then the market has fallen steadily. Investors and traders became nervous when Brazil's first privatisation of Usiminas, the steel company, was delayed, and the country's inflation began to rise.

The downturn became a crash this week, as a group of banks sold short. The Mydfa price started the week at 27 cents but by Tuesday evening had plunged to 21 cents. Since then it has recovered to about 24 cents. A number of London banks have been hit by the crash.

Dow falters as jobless claims fall

New York - Wall Street shares faltered with selling surfacing after American jobless claims fell more than expected.

Speculation had grown on Wednesday that the Federal Reserve would soon ease interest rates but a report yesterday showing weekly jobless claims at 405,000, after forecasts of a fall to 435,000, created some confusion over the economy's direction. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 3.13 points by mid-morning to 3,068.65.

☐ Tokyo — Stocks ended near their day's high, with the Nikkei above the 25,000 level. Brokers said options-related buying accounted for the bulk of the gain.

The 225-share Nikkei average was up 241.10 points at 25,222.28, with 300 million shares traded. (*Reuter*)

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	3066.64 (-5.14)*
S&P Composite	392.17 (-0.79)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	25222.28 (+241.10)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	4038.74 (+18.70)
FT-SE Euro 100	1096.45 (-4.77)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	89.4 (-0.5)
Sydney: AO	1682.9 (+19.2)
Frankfurt: DAX	1582.08 (-0.77)
Brussels:	
General	5512.54 (-2.86)
Paris: CAC	494.72 (+1.01)
Zurich: SKA Gen	491.0 (-1.6)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	1238.63 (-3.74)
FT-"500"	1383.12 (-5.26)
FT Gold Mines	164.4 (-1.1)
FT Fixed Interest	96.94 (+0.20)
FT Govt Secs	86.92 (-0.04)
Bargains	26202
SEAQ Volume	630.8m
USM (Datastream)	138.82 (+3.42)

*Denotes midday trading price

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Split (100p)	110
Adam & Harvey	196
Airbreak Leis	38 -½
Alliance Res	17
Capital Ventures	85
Claremont Gmts (175p)	213 +8
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	109
County Smlr Inv	103
Culver Hldgs (4p)	4
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	103
Drayton Recovery	99
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	66
Etonbrook	70
Fleming Emerg Mkt	102
Gartmore Inc (100p)	111 -1
Gartmore Cap (100p)	91 -1
Geared Inc (100p)	102
Greencore	230
Headline Book (100p)	141
Kleinwort High Inc	108
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	348 +3
Manchester Utd (388p)	290
Mirror Group (125p)	78 -1
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	113
Oryx Gold	219
Simpson of Cornhl	48
Tollgate	107
Dumas Group	26
US Smaller	102
Vtech Hldgs	63

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

ASDA N/P	6¾ +¼
Br Thornton N/P	1½
Crossroads Oil N/P	1¼
Crown Comms N/P	8
Dewhirst N/P	1¼
Kenmare Res N/P	¼
Porter Chadburn N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

WALL STREET

	Oct 31 midday	Oct 30 close
Abbott Lab	58¾	58¾
Aetna Life	39⅛	39⅜
Ahmanson	16⅝	16⅝
Air Prods	69	69¼
Albertsons	36¾	37¼
Alcan Al	21¼	21¼
Alco Stand	34¾	34¾
Allied Signal	41	41
Alumin CA	63¾	63
Am Brands	42	42¼
Am Cyanmid	64¾	64
Am ElPC	31⅝	31½
Am General	43⅛	42¾
Am Home	74½	74
Am Intl	98	98¼
Am Stores	37¾	37¾
Amax	20¾	20¾
Amer Hess	56⅝	56⅝
Ameritech	52⅜	52⅜
Amerr	19⅜	19⅝
Amoco	51⅞	52¼
AMP	52	51¾
AMR	52¼	54
Anheuser-B	55⅛	55¼
Apple Comp	48⅝	51⅛
Archer-Dan	27½	27¾
Arkla	15⅞	16¼
Armco	5¾	5¾
Armstrong	30⅛	30¾
Asarco	28⅝	28¾
Ashland Oil	28⅞	29
AT&T	39⅜	39½
Atlan Richfld	119¾	119¼
Auto DP	37¾	37¾
Avery Denn	22¾	22¾
Avon Prod	40⅝	41
Baltimore	32¼	32¾
Bank One	45⅛	45⅝
Bankamerica	42⅝	42¾
Bard	26⅜	26⅜
Barnett Bk	37⅛	37⅛
Bausch Lmb	46⅝	45¾
Baxter Intl	37¾	37¾
Bec Dickin	69⅝	70⅛
Bell Atlan	46⅝	46⅝
Bellsouth	49⅛	49
Ber Hughes	25⅝	25¾
Black Decker	16⅛	16⅝
Block	33¾	34⅛
Bnkrs Tst NY	64¾	64¾
Boeing	48	48¾
Boise Casc	25¼	25¾
Borden	38¾	38
Brist-Myer	64⅛	64½
Browng-Fer	18	18
Burl Nth	40⅞	40
CAI	9¼	9½
Campbell Sp	76¾	76¾
Cap Cities	405¾	406
Capital HC	50¼	50
Carolina	49⅞	49⅝
Caterpillar	48	47¾
CBS	159⅜	159⅜
Central SW	50⅞	50⅝
Champion	25⅞	25¾
Chase Man	19	19
Chem Bnkg	24¾	24½
Chevron	74⅞	75
Chrysler	12⅝	12¾
Chubb	67⅞	68
Cigna	51⅝	51½
Cincorp	11⅜	11¾
Cinne Uz	40⅞	40⅝
Clorox	39⅝	40
Coca-Cola	70⅛	70¼
Colgate-Pal	41⅛	41⅛
Columb Gas	17⅞	17¾
Compaq	27⅜	28
Conagra	42⅝	42¾
Cons Edis	25¼	25⅜
Cons NG	42⅝	42⅝
Cons Rail	73⅜	73¾
Cooper Ind	55⅝	55¾
Corning	78¾	78¾
CPC Intl	82¾	82¾
Crown Cork	87¾	88
CSX	55⅝	55⅝
Dana	27⅞	27⅞
Dayton-Hud	64⅝	64⅝
Deere	56⅝	56⅝
Delta Air	63⅜	63⅜
Deluxe	40⅜	40⅜
Detroit Ed	32⅝	32¾
Digital Eq	43¾	44
Disney	120¾	124¼
Dominion	119⅜	119⅜
Donnelley	53⅜	53⅜
Dover	46⅝	46⅝
Dow Chem	38¼	38
Dow Jones	54	53¾
Dresser Ind	24½	24⅝
Du Pont	20⅝	20¾
Duke Pwr	47	47
Dun Bradst	31½	31¾
East Kodak	48⅝	48
Eaton	44⅞	44¾
Emerson El	61⅜	61½
Enron	31¾	31¾
Entergy	72¾	72¾
Ethyl	27¾	27⅝
Exxon	36¾	36⅝
Fed NMA	61	61
Fedrl Exprs	62¼	62¾
Fst Nortstr	36¾	36¾
Fluor	28	28
FMC	44¾	44¾
Ford Motor	51¾	51¾
FPL	27¾	27¾
Fst Chicago	34¼	34¾
Fst Interst	28¾	28¾
Fst Union	29⅝	29⅝
Gannett	28¾	28¾
GAP	41¾	41¾
Gen Cinema	48⅝	48⅝
Gen Elec	70¾	70¾
Gen Mills	61¾	61¼
Gen Motors	39⅝	39⅝
Gen RE	85¾	85¾
Gen Signal	83⅝	83⅝
Genuine Pts	43⅝	44
Georgia-Pac	58⅝	57¾
Gillette	41¾	41⅞
Goodrich	43	43¾
Goodyear	48¾	48¾
Grace	39⅝	39⅝
Greyhound	43¾	44⅛
Gt Atlantic	31⅜	31⅜
Gt Western	16⅝	16⅝
GTE	32¼	32¼
Halliburtn	34¾	34¼
Heinz	38	38¼
Hercules	42¾	42¾
Hershey Fd	41¼	41¼
Hewlett Pkd	60¾	61¼
Hilton Hd	43⅜	43⅜
Home Depot	56⅝	56⅝
Homestake	16	16⅛
Honeywell	57¾	57¾
Houston Ind	39¾	39¾
Howtld Intl	56¾	57¼
Humana	28	27¾
IBM	100	100¼
IFF	89¾	90
Illinois TW	65¼	66⅜
Inco	32⅝	32⅝
Ingsol-Rand	52¾	52¾
Inland Steel	20¾	20¾
Intel	43¾	43¾
Int Paper	76¾	76⅝
ITT	57¾	57¾
James River	21¾	21¾
Johnsn Jhsn	95¾	95¾
K Mart	42⅝	42⅝
Kellogg	102¾	102¾
Kerr-McGee	48¼	48¼
Kimbly-Clrk	95¾	95¾
Knight-Ridr	48¼	48⅝
Lilly	75¾	75¾
Limited	24¾	24¾
Lin Bnkrstg	73	73¼
Lincln Nat	52¾	51¾
Litton Ind	80¾	80¾
Lockheed	46⅝	46⅝
Louis-Pac	43¼	43¾
Manu Hano	27¾	27¾
Marriott	18¾	18¾
Marsh Mclen	74¾	74¾
Martin Mar	52¼	52¾
Masco	22¾	22¾
May Dept	50¾	50¾
Mcdnl	13	13
McDnl Doug	69¾	70¾
McDonalds	35¼	35¼
McGraw-Hill	54¾	53¾
MCI Com	25¾	25¾
Mead	32¾	32¾
Medtronic	78⅛	78¾
Mellon Bk	35	35
Melville	44¼	44¾
Merck	133¾	133¾
Merll Lynch	51¾	51¾
Minnesota	91	91⅜
Mobil	70¾	70¾
Monsanto	68	68
Moore	24¾	24¾
Morgan JP	64¼	64¾
Motorola	62¾	63¾
Nat Medical	16⅛	16⅛
Nat Semi	5⅜	5⅜
Nat Service	22¼	22¼
Navistar	2¾	2¾
NCNB	37¾	37¾
NCR	n/a	n/a
NED Biscp	43¾	43¼
Newmont Min	40¾	40¾
Niagr Mhwk	17¾	17¾
Nike	55	55¾
NL Indstrs	12½	12¾
Nordstorm	37	36¾
North Stsn	62¾	61¾
Norwest	33¾	33¾
Ntln St Pwr	38¾	38¾
Ntln Telcm	41¼	41¼
NY Times	19¼	19¼
Nynex	77¾	78
Occid Petrl	22¾	22¾
Ohio Ed	20	19¾
Oracle Sys	15¾	15¾
Oryx Energy	32¾	32¾
Pac Ent	28¾	28¾
Pac Gas Elec	28¾	28¾
Pac Telesis	42¾	42¾
Pacmar	48¾	48¾
PacifiCrop	23¾	23¾
Pall	37¾	37¾
Pan	38	38¼
Paramount	39¾	39¾
Parker-Hanfn	28¾	28¾
Pearley	40¾	40¾
Pennzoil	64	64¼
Pepsico	28¾	28¾
Pfizer	70¾	70¾
Phillips Pet	29¾	29¾
Pinnacle West	22¾	22¾
Pitney Bowe	88¾	88¾
Polaroid	27¾	27¾
PPG Inds	57¾	57¾
Procr Gamble	83¾	83¾
Provident	12¾	12¾
Prudential	39¾	39¾
Pub Service	29¾	29¾
Quaker Oats	33¾	33¾
Radson Pur	48¾	48¾
Raychem	33¾	33¾
Raytheon	78¾	78
Reebok	29¾	29¼
Rexnord	56¾	56¾
Rockwell	28¾	28¾
Rohm Haas	41¾	42¾
Royal Dutch	61¾	61¾
Rubbermaid	60¾	60¾
Ryder Sys	55¾	55¾
Safeco	39¾	39¾
Salomon	27¾	28¾
Sant Fe Pac	11¾	11¾
Sara Lee	43¾	43¾
Schercorp	44¾	44¾
Schlumbgr	70	70¾
Schrg-Plgh	39¾	39¾
Scott Paper	38¾	38¾
Seagram	113	113
Sears Rbk	37¾	37¾
Security Pac	33¾	33¾
Shawmut	23¾	23¾
Shrwin-Wllms	14¾	14¾
Skyline	30¾	30¾
Smkp-on Tls	30	30¾
Southern	30	30¾
St Paul	63¾	63¾
Stanley Wk	40¾	40¾
Stone Cntr	23	23¾
Sun Co	30¾	30¾
Super Eth	34¾	35¾
Super Valu	28	28
SW Bell	58¾	58¾
Syntex	44¼	44¾
Sysco	42	42
Tandem	12¾	12
Tandy	28¾	28¾
Tele-comm	15¾	15¾
Telephone	17¾	18¼
Temple-In	48¾	48¾
Tenneco	57¾	57¾
Texaco	64¾	64¾
Texas Inst	31¾	32¾
Texas Util	36¾	36¾
Textron	39¾	39¾
Thos Betts	57¾	57¾
Time Warr	88¾	88¾
Times Mirr	29¾	29¼
Timken	28¾	28¾
Torchmark	32¾	32¾
Toys R Us	28¾	28¾
Trchmark	37	36¾
Travelers	21¾	21¾
Tribune	36¾	36¾
TRW	38¾	38¾
Tyco Lab	33	32¾
UAL	134¼	134¼
Un Camp	50¾	50¾
Un Carbide	26¾	27
Un Pacific	48¾	48¾
Unilever	88	88¼
Unisys	4¼	4¼
Unocal	28¾	28¾
Upjohn	44¾	43¾
US Life	43¾	44¼
US West	36¾	36¼
Usair Gp	9¾	9¾
USF&G	7¼	7¼
UST	53¾	53¾
USX Mar	30	29¾
Utd Tech	48¾	48¾
Utd Telcm	23	22¾
VF	37¾	37¾
Wal-Mart	46¾	47¼
Waste Mgmt	37¾	37¾
Wells Fargo	65¾	65¾
Wstgh Elec	17¾	17¾
Weyerhsr	28¾	28
Whirlpool	37¾	37¾
Whittman	12¾	12¾
Wlco-Dicks	36¾	36¾
Woolworth	28¾	28¾
Wrigley	64¾	64¾
Wstn-Lamb	74	74
Xerox	63	63

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyons	550	65	85	–	9½	16	–
(*600)	600	33	54	64	29	37	43
	650	14	34	43	59	65	72
ASDA	34	12	12½	–	2	3	–
(*42)	43	5	8	–	5	7	–
	51	2½	5	–	11	13	–
Bass	950	58	72	87	26	34	39
(*977)	1000	22	45	58	55	60	65
	1050	9	26	–	97	100	–
Boots	390	47	62	65	4	6	10
(*431)	420	26	41	45	12	15	20
	460	8	20	21	37	38	40
Br Airways	180	27	33	35	3½	6	9
(*203)	200	14	20	24	10	14	18
	220	5½	12	15	24	25	28
BP	300	31	36	–	5½	6	–
(*327)	330	13	18	23	14	18	21
	360	3½	7⅞	11½	39	40	41
Br Steel	110	11	14	16	2½	4½	7
(*118)	120	5	8½	11	7⅝	10	13
	130	2	4½	6½	15	15	19
C & W	500	73	90	100	5	10	14
(*564)	550	37	57	67	17	26	31
	600	14	32	42	47	53	57
CU	460	38	46	52	8	16	21
(*478)	500	15	23	30	27	38	40
	550	3½	8	–	73	74	–
Courtauld	460	36	49	57	12	18	22
(*475)	500	15	29	36	34	37	41
	550	4½	13	20	75	76	77
GKN	330	22	28	33	15	25	28
(*330)	360	8½	15	20	34	44	47
	390	3½	7½	–	62	67	–
Grand Met	800	77	89	110	12	19	25
(*855)	850	42	58	80	30	40	45
	900	18	35	55	60	68	72
ICI	1250	87	110	130	28	54	59
(*1271)	1300	59	81	105	50	77	82
	1350	37	57	82	80	107	112
Kingfisher	500	80	95	98	4	8	12
(*563)	550	40	58	67	15	21	29
	600	16	32	40	43	47	53
Ladbroke	230	36	43	–	3	6½	–
(*256)	249	21	29	–	7	13	–
	268	10½	18	–	18	22	–
Land Sec	460	44	57	62	4	6½	12
(*495)	500	17	30	36	19	22	29
	550	4	12	15	59	61	62
M & S	260	35	44	46	2	4	6
(*291)	280	19	30	31	7½	10	13
	300	10	19	22	18	19	21
Sainsbury	326	24	–	–	7	–	–
(*335)	356	8	–	–	24	–	–
	386	2½	–	–	53	–	–
Shell	460	62	65	72	3	6	8
(*506)	500	30	35	45	11	19	22
	550	8	13	21	45	50	51
Smld Beech	700	115	132	147	3	10	15
(*795)	750	74	94	112	13	21	28
	800	40	62	82	31	40	47
Storehse	100	12	15	–	4	5½	–
(*107)	110	6	9	12	10	12	13
	120	3	5	8	16	17	18
Trafalgar	211	40	–	–	4½	–	–
(*248)	231	21	–	–	12	–	–
	251	11	–	–	24	–	–
Ultramar	300	58	60	–	6	11	–
(*344)	330	33	39	–	13	19	–
	360	14	25	–	25	30	–
Unilever	700	114	–	–	3	–	–
(*800)	750	70	86	95	8	17	22
	800	35	52	65	26	37	41
	850	14	28	42	57	67	70
Utd Biscs	360	33	41	46	7	13	16
(*375)	390	15	24	29	20	27	30
	420	6	12	17	44	47	47

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAA	420	31	42	55	2½	11	14
(*445)	460	6	19	33	18	29	33
	500	1½	8	17	56	60	62
BAT Ind	600	42	64	73	5	13	20
(*631)	650	7½	33	43	24	32	42
	700	1½	14	25	70	70	71
	750	1	5	13	119	119	119
BTR	360	38	47	52	1	5	10
(*391)	390	12	26	32	7	15	21
	420	2	12	18	29	35	39
Br Aero	360	13	28	33	13	22	35
(*357)	384	5	18	24	28	37	52
	414	2	9	12	57	62	74
Br Telecom	360	28	35	46	2½	8½	12
(*382)	390	7	18	29	11½	22	26
	420	2	7½	17	37	43	45
Cadbury	390	24	42	49	5	16	24
(*405)	420	7½	26	34	19	30	38
	460	3	13	20	55	55	63
Guinness	475	55	69	75	1¾	5	10
(*525)	500	30	50	57	2½	10	17
	525	11	33	42	11	20	28
GEC	180	11	15½	22	2	5½	7
(*189)	200	2	5½	11	13	16	18
	220	1	2	5	33	33	34
Hanson	200	17	20	23	1	6	8
(*214)	220	3	7½	12¾	7½	16	18
	240	½	2½	6	26	32	33
LASMO	300	25	38	45	4	11	17
(*318)	330	9	22	27	16	25	32
	360	3½	12	18	45	47	52
Lucas	130	8	15	18	3	7	11
(*135)	140	3	9½	13	9	13	15½
	160	1¼	3½	6½	28	28	29
P & O	472	38	57	–	2½	9½	–
(*504)	519	7	29	39	21	30	42
	566	1½	11½	20	63	63	73
Pilkington	140	20	24	31	1¼	6	8
(*157)	160	5	13	19	7	14	17
	180	1½	6½	12	25	28	31

October 31, 1991 Total: 22773 Calls 14119 Puts 8654

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

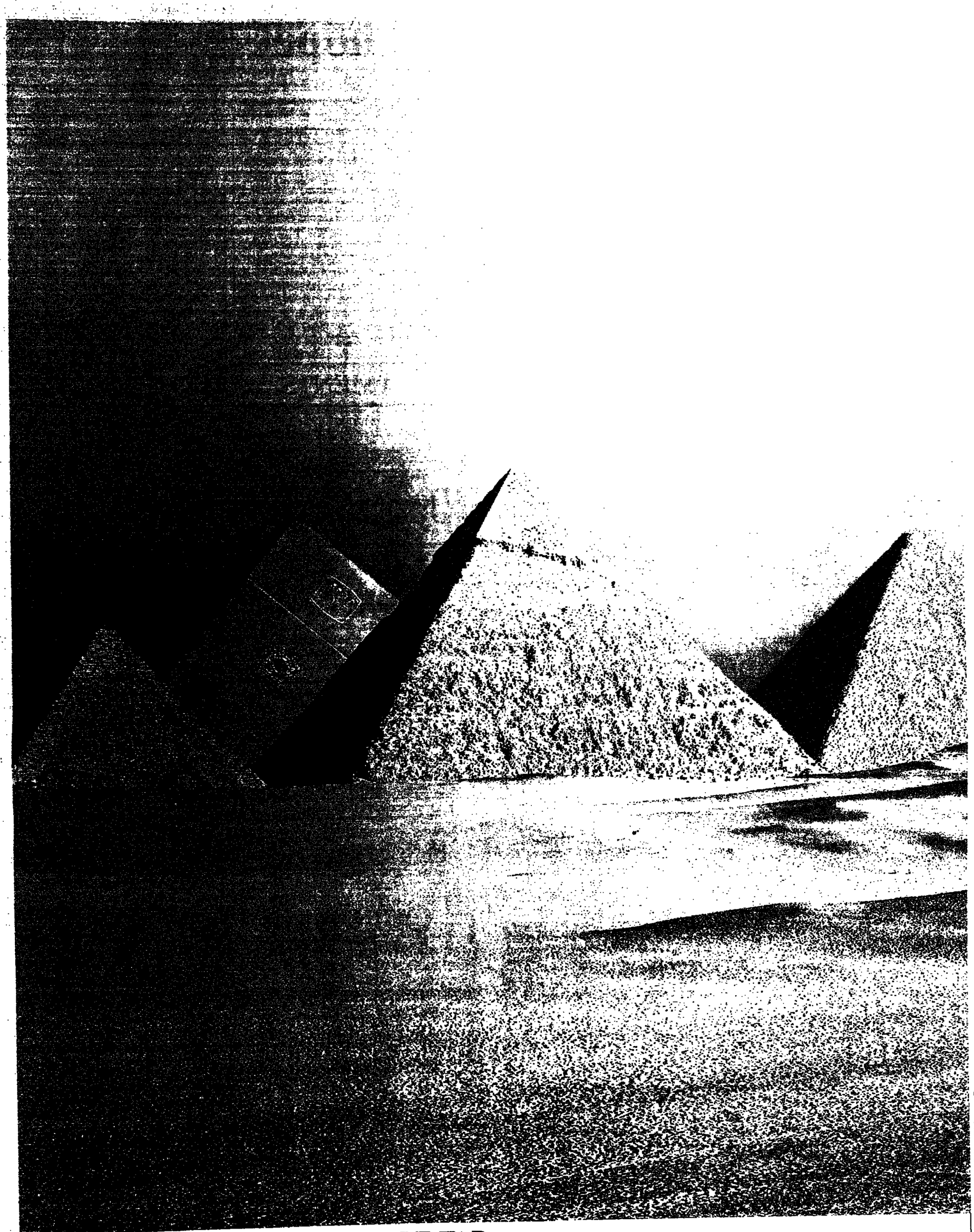
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	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Prudential	220	17	25	29	1½	4½	8½
(*234)	240	4	13	17	10	13	18
	260	1½	6	9	28	28	30
Racal Elec	52	6	9½	–	1	2¾	–
(*56)	55	4	–	–	2	–	–
	60	1	4	–	4½	6	–
RTZ	900	79	97	98	1	6	13
(*951)	950	47	69	79	11	27	32
	1000	17	39	56	50	50	56
Sainsbury	300	37	47	56	1	3	6
(*327)	330	17	29	36	3	10	13
	360	5	16	20	32	34	36
Scot Newc	940	59	68	–	1	7½	–
(*988)	990	32	48	58	9	19	23
	1040	12	33	35	39	49	42
Tesco	220	19	28	32	1	5	8
(*234)	240	9½	15	20	13	13	17
	260	1	3½	12	26	26	29
Thames W	350	23	30	–	6	7	–
(*372)	370	9	17	–	11	15	–
	400	2	6½	–	40	42	–
Vodafone	330	58	66	–	1	4	–
(*384)	360	29	42	55	2½	10	15
	390	9	24	37	13	23	29

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Fisons	420	49	59	68	6	12	14½
(*455)	460	24	34	45	22	28	32
	500	9	18	27	58	54	56

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abbey Nat	260	21	28	–	3	7½	–
(*275)	280	8½	16	20	10½	17	20
	300	3	8	12	27	30	32
Amstrad	30	8½	10½	12	1½	2¾	3½
(*37)	35	5	7	9¼	3	4½	6
	40	2	5½	7	5½	7½	9
Barclays	390	47	57	60	2½	7	11
(*427)	426	28	35	40	8	13	21
	460	4½	14	20



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STOCK MARKET

Racal activity prompts bid hope

THERE was a late flurry of activity in shares of **Racal Electronics**, reviving speculation that a higher bid may be on the way. The shares finished the session 2p higher at 57p – 7p above the current all-share offer from Williams Holdings. The bid was terminally halted by the Office of Fair Trading, and may still be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Reuters, the news agency and financial information supplier, rose 22p to 962p — *just 40p short of its all-time* high. Reuters has been given permission to compete with the Stock Exchange's own service, Topic, in publishing company announcements. The deal will boost sales of Reuters monitors.

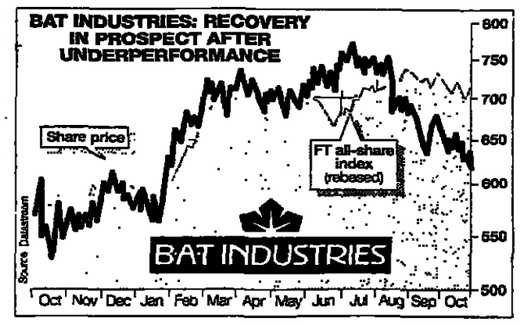
Sir Ernest Harrison, Racal chairman, has already criticised the bid and seems in no mood to compromise. There has been talk that **GEC**, down 1½p at 188p, or **Thorn EMI**, unchanged at 808p, may be interested in making offers for the company.

The rest of the equity market saw an early 13 point lead frittered away. The FT-SE 100 index ended 11.1 lower at 2,566 as more than 600 million shares changed hands.

ICI took some of the steam out of the market's strong run this week. Third quarter pre-tax profits were much in line with expectations but Sir Denys Henderson's comment that there was no sign of a "significant" upturn left investors disappointed. ICI fell 16p to £12.71.

Government securities were cautious ahead of last night's speech by the Chancellor at the Lord Mayor's banquet, losing £⅛ at the longer end.

There was heavy turnover in **Asda** as investors switched out of the ordinary, unchanged at 42p, and into the nil-paid, ¼p firmer at 6¾p. **Bunzl**, the paper group, fell 3p to 94p as the company's broker Hoare Govett downgraded. But **Dowty** jumped 13p to 184p on talk of a bid from **Smiths Industries**, down 8p at 250p.



BAT Industries advanced 12p to 632p helped by a buy recommendation from James Capel. The stockbroker says the shares have underperformed the rest of the market *by 17 per cent in the past three* months and that now is the time to buy.

Thames Water eased 2p to 372p after half-year figures fell short of City expectations. Pre-tax profits were only £5 million ahead, at £118 million, with the interim payout increased by 0.4 to 6.4p. Of the other water companies, **Anglian** firmed 1p to 368p, **Northumbrian** 5p to 382p, **North West** 5p to 367p, **South West** 1p to 336p, **Welsh** 1p to 368p, **Wessex** 2p to 397p and **Yorkshire** 6p to 380p.

Ultramar, currently fending off an unwanted £1.2 billion bid from rival **Lasmo**, firmed 3p to 346p following news of the departure of John Darby, chairman, who accepted responsibility for the group's poor first-half performance, and two other directors. His departure follows a savage attack by Lasmo on the group's poor profits record. Lasmo fell 7p to 318p.

John Foster, the petrol station retailer, made a positive debut with the price soaring to 270p in first-time dealings – a premium of 35p. **Serco**, the facilities management group, eased 5p to 545p after announcing terms to raise almost £10 million in a rights issue and a forecast increase in pre-tax profits for the current year to £5.2 million (£4.3 million).

Marks & Spencer failed to hold on to an early 4p lead, ending level at 291p. But M&S's trading performance

Trafalgar House rose 4p to 246p after recommendations from stockbrokers Smith New Court and UBS Phillips & Drew. Smith says the shares are undervalued and points to a strong yield, while UBS says gearing levels have dropped after the acquisition of Davy Corporation.

continued to breathe fresh life into other retailers with gains for **Dixons** 5p to 250p, **Etam** 16p to 245p, **Kingfisher** 8p to 563p, Next 3p to 60½p, **Ratners** 4p to 80p and **WH Smith 'A'** 10p to 466p.

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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
CE Heath	49½p (+3p)	MEPC	455p (-7p)
BAT	634p (+14p)	Laporte	572p (-15p)
Harvey & Thompson	160p (+11p)	Westbury	116p (-4p)
Sothebys	725p (+25p)	WPP	60½p (-4½p)
Etam	244½p (+16p)	Greycoat	142p (-7p)
WH Smith 'A'	466p (+10p)	Low & Bonar	251p (-12p)
Nu-Swift	405p (+15p)	Norcros	513p (-15p)
Reuters	961½p (+22p)	Siebe	791p (-16p)
Wesr	438½p (+11p)	Smithkline Beecham	780p (-20p)
J Smart	212½p (+13p)	Wellcome	760p (-20p)

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FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	3,682	Cadbury	1,549	Lonrho	793	Royal Bank	1,025
Abd-Lyons	1,181	CU	773	Lucas	2,350	Royal Ins	3,601
Anglian	117	Courtaulds	534	M&S	3,571	Sainsbury	2,767
ASDA	17,134	Enterprise	2,742	Maxwell Cm	5,573	Scot & N	227
AB Foods	99	Eurotunnel	95	MEPC	390	Scot Power	8,857
Argyll	2,573	Fisons	1,769	Midland	2,231	Sears	2,780
Arjo Wigg	1,492	Forte	892	Nat Power	5,504	Severn Trnt	1,794
BAA	808	Gen Acc	1,178	Nat West	1,520	Shell	2,288
BET	878	GEC	4,046	N W Water	2,715	Smith & N	1,953
BTR	1,775	Glaxo	4,945	Ntnn Foods	320	SK Beech	2,066
BAT	3,985	Grand Met	1,189	P&O	590	Sun Alnce	1,543
Barclays	3,212	GUS 'A'	263	Pearson	706	Tarmac	2,964
Bass	764	GRE	7,419	Pilkington	1,206	Tate Lyle	795
BICC	494	Guinness	1,681	PowerGen	6,881	TSB	2,737
Bk Scotind	531	Hanson	7,575	Prudential	3,323	Tesco	1,394
Blue Circle	547	Hawker	1,172	Rank	773	Thames Wtr	2,480
BOC	423	Hillsdown	1,329	R&C	490	Thorn EMI	420
Boots	2,340	ICI	1,215	Redland	269	Trafalgar	1,810
Br Aero	388	Inchcape	918	Reed	727	Unilever	861
Br Airways	2,515	Kingfisher	2,852	Rentokil	44	United Bis	1,551
Br Gas	6,451	Lasmo	480	Reuters	1,203	Vodafone	1,489
Br Petrol	8,247	Ladbroke	359	RMC Gp	184	Wellcome	400
Br Steel	5,695	Land Sec	1,765	RTZ	812	Whitbrd	987
Br Telecm	7,130	L&G	3,085	R-Royce	4,266	Williams	937
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LEGAL NOTICES

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
V C GEO-TECHNICAL SERVICES LIMITED
IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Pursuant to S 48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at The Stanhope Hotel, Ashby Road East, Bretby, Burton on Trent, Staffs on Thursday 14 November 1991 at 11.00 am.

In accordance with Rule 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a creditor shall only be entitled to vote if:

a) Details of any debt claimed are submitted to the Receiver in writing and the claim has been duly admitted no later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting.

b) Where the creditor cannot attend in person a form of proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with the Receivers before the meeting.

Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

Claims and proxies should be sent to the Receivers' office at Touche Ross & Co, 1 Woodborough Road, Nottingham NG1 3FG

Dated 30 October 1991
J Wilson and L K Denney
Joint Administrative Receivers
V C Geo Technical Services Limited - In Administrative Receivership. Touche Ross & Co, 1 Woodborough Road Nottingham NG1 3FG

TRANSPORT TRAINING (LANCASHIRE) LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester on Friday 8 November 1991 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
E Crossland DIRECTOR

JH CONSTRUCTION (PIPE & STEEL) LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD on Thursday the 21st November 1991 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J HUGHES, DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF ANDROS ESTATES LIMITED (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation) AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given that David Crosland of First Island House, Peter Street, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 16th October, 1991.
Creditors are required on or before 30th November, 1991 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator and, if so required, by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this twenty eight day of October 1991
David Crosland
Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No 0010600 of 1991
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF SMITH & NEPHEW PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company in the amount of £60,794,683.88 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 30 October 1991.
Dated this 1st day of November 1991
ASHURST MORRIS CRISP
Broadwalk House
5 Appold Street
London EC2A 2HA
Ref: ECFS
Solicitor for the above-named Company

SEX DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975
THE GORDON FOUNDATION

The Foundation Committee of The Gordon Foundation as the responsible body has applied to the Secretary of State for Education & Science to make an Order under section 78 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 modifying the objects clause of the Memorandum of Association of The Gordon Foundation by substituting for reference to "lads" references to "boys and girls".

A copy of the draft Order can be seen between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on weekdays (excluding Saturdays) at the office of The Bursar, Gordon's School, West End, Woking, Surrey GU24 9PT.

Any person wishing to make representations about this application should write to the Secretary of State for Education & Science at Room 9/10 Legal Branch, Department of Education & Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 7PH within one month from the date of this notice, quoting reference G.6266 and stating the grounds of his objection

Date 1st November 1991

IN THE MATTER OF BARBICAN ADVERTISING LIMITED Trading As BARBICAN MANOR
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 6th day of December 1991, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 25th day of October 1991
K D GOODMAN
Liquidator

CORPORATION OF LONDON
EPPING FOREST ACT 1878
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

of the intention of the Conservators of Epping Forest to revise forthwith the Register of Commoners of Epping Forest for the purpose of the Election of Verderers. All Owners and Occupiers of Lands and Tenements lying within the ancient boundary of Epping Forest as set forth in the perambulation made by authority of Parliament in the seventeenth year of King Charles the First, claiming to be entitled to a right of Common in or over Epping Forest are required to send in to me their claims to have their names inserted on such Register. Forms for this purpose may be obtained at the office of the Comptroller and City Solicitor, Guildhall London EC2P 2EJ or at the Office of the Superintendent of Epping Forest, The Warren, Loughton, Essex IG10 4RW.

Such claims must be sent in on or before the 2nd day of December 1991, and the Conservators are entitled to require reasonable proof of the title of each Claimant.

To prevent unnecessary claims being sent in, the Conservators give notice that they will not consider any person entitled to a right of Common of pasture who owns or occupies less than half an acre of old enclosure not covered with buildings, nor will any Claim be allowed in respect of lands quieted in title either by the Epping Forest Act 1878 or by any Order made by the Arbitrator appointed by that Act.

The following provisions of the Act apply to such Register:

"The Register shall be made in two parts, part 1 being for the northern Forest parishes, namely: Epping, Theydon Bois, Loughton, Waltham Holy Cross, Chingford and Chigwell (now Buckhurst Hill); and part 2 being for the southern parishes namely: Woodford, Walthamstow, Leyton, Wanstead, Little Ilford (now East Ham) and West Ham".

"Where a Commoner is under age or of unsound mind, his or her guardian or committee shall be entitled to be on the Register in his or her place".

"Where several persons are joint-tenants, co-parceners or tenants in common, in respect of rights of common, they shall in respect thereof, be considered as one; and such one of them only shall be entered on the Register as the majority or decline to select, then as the Conservators select."

The Conservators will give notice when the Register is ready for inspection and of the day or days appointed by them for correcting the Register.

A.J. Colvin
Comptroller and City Solicitor
Guildhall, London EC2P 2EJ
1st November 1991.

IN THE MATTER OF BARBICAN ADVERTISING LIMITED Trading As BARBICAN MANOR
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licenced Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 25th October 1991.
DATED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
PO BOX 585
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF LANGTON SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a meeting of creditors of the above-named company convened under the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and held on 24th October 1991, I Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5NL was duly appointed Liquidator of the above-named company.
Dated this 28th day of October 1991
MJ CARTER, Liquidator

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3	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
4	Next	Drapery,Stores	
5	Midland	Banks,Discount	
6	Beales Hunter	Electricals	
7	Ballough	Industrials A-D	
8	Tarriff	Building,Roads	
9	Lloyds	Banks,Discount	
10	Shandwick	Paper,Print,Adv	
11	Wace	Paper,Print,Adv	
12	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
13	Evans Of Leeds	Property	
14	News Corp	Newspapers,Pub	
15	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
16	Glaxo	Industrials E-K	
17	Wheway	Industrials S-Z	
18	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
19	Lex Service	Motors,Aircraft	
20	Wassall	Industrials S-Z	
21	Ratners Group	Drapery,Stores	
22	Pentland	Industrials L-R	
23	Perkins Food	Foods	
24	Harland Simon	Electricals	
25	ADT	Industrials A-D	
26	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
27	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
28	Travis Perkins	Building,Roads	
29	Amber Day	Drapery,Stores	
30	Bowthorpe	Electricals	
31	Trafalgar H	Industrials S-Z	
32	Regalian	Property	
33	Prop Security	Property	
34	Whatman	Industrials S-Z	
35	Jones Stroud	Electricals	
36	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
37	Vaux Group	Breweries	
38	Mersey Docks	Transport	
39	North West	Water	
40	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
41	Wessex Water	Water	
42	Kwik Save	Foods	
43	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
44	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
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1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int yield %	Gross Red. yield
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
99¾	98¾	Treas 9% 1991	99¾		8.92	10.434
100¾	99¾	Exch 11¾% 1991	100		10.9	10.389
99¾	99¼	Treas 11¾% 1991	99¾			
100	97¾	Treas 9% 1992	99¾			
105¾	99¾	Treas C10¾% 1992	101¾			
102¾	99¾	Exch 12¾% 1992	102¾			
101¾	100¾	Treas 12¾% 1992	103			
104¾	98¾	Exch 12¾% 1992	98			
99¾	99¾	Treas 9% 1993	100¾			
104¾	99¾	Treas 12¾% 1993	103¾			
106¾	100¾	Treas 13¾% 1993	97¾			
97¾	89¾	Exch 9% 1994	100¾			
99¾	99¾	Treas 10% 1994	100¾			
101	99¾	Exch 12¾% 1994	100¾			
107¾	103¾	Treas 13¾% 1994	106			
109	105¾	Exch 13¾% 1994	106¾			
111¾	102¾	Treas 14¾% 1994	106¾			
89	72¾	Treas 9% 1994-8	101¾			
106¾	94¾	Treas 10¾% 1995	101¾			
110¾	105¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	109¾			
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
99¾	99¾	Treas 9% 1992-96	99			
101¾	99¾	Conv 10% 1996 B	101¾			
112¾	108	Treas 13¾% 1996	112			
114¾	109¾	Exch 13¾% 1996	113¾			
119¾	115¾	Treas 15¾% 1997	119¾			
99¾	99¾	Treas 9% 1997	99¾			
114¾	109¾	Treas 13¾% 1997	109¾			
125¾	117	Treas 15¾% 1997-00	117			
99¾	99¾	Treas 9% 1998	100			
109¾	104¾	Treas 12¾% 1998	104¾			
111¾	104¾	Exch 12¾% 1998	107¾			
128¾	121¾	Treas 15¾% 1998	127¾			
105¾	99¾	Treas 9% 1999	104¾			
104¾	97¾	Treas 8¾% 2000	97¾			
113¾	104¾	Exch 12¾% 2000	107¾			
97¾	89¾	Conv 9% 2000-04	91¾			
104	99¾	Treas 10% 2001	99¾			
117¾	115¾	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	115¾			
99¾	99¾	Conv 9% 2001	99¾			
119¾	115	Treas 13¾% 2001-04	115¾			
81¾	77¾	Conv 9% 2002	79¾			
101¾	99¾	Treas 9% 2002	99¾			
104	99¾	Treas 10% 2003	99¾			
117¾	115¾	Treas 13¾% 2002-06	117¾			
85¾	77¾	Conv 9% 2003	85¾			
125¾	110¾	Exch 12% 2013-17	122¾			
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
88¾	79¾	Treas 9% 2002-06	87¾			
95¾	81¾	Conv 9% 2003	93¾			
115¾	106¾	Treas 13¾% 2003-07	113¾			
94	85¾	Conv 9% 2006	94			
125¾	117¾	Treas 13¾% 2006 C	125¾			
99¾	99¾	Conv 9% 2006-08	99¾			
99¾	99¾	Treas 9% 2008	99¾			
99¾	99¾	Conv 9% 2011	99¾			
99¾	99¾	Conv 9% 2011 PP	99¾			
99¾	99¾	Conv 9% 2011 A	99¾			
125¾	117¾	Treas 13¾% 2006-12	125¾			
117¾	110¾	Treas 12¾% 2012-15	117¾			
125¾	113¾	Exch 12% 2013-17	122¾			
UNDATED						
99¾	99¾	Consols 2½%	39¾		5.5	
99¾	99¾	Treas 3%	39¾			
99¾	99¾	Conv 4%	43¾			
99¾	97¾	Conv 5%	49¾			
41¾	37¾	Consols 4%	39¾		9.5	
97¾	93¾	War Ln 3½%	96¾			
INDEX-LINKED						
139¾	131¾	Treas I/L 2% 1996	135¾			
129¾	115¾	Treas I/L 2½% 1996	178¾			
170¾	138¾	Treas I/L 2½% 1998	144¾			
145	129¾	Treas I/L 2½% 2001	142¾			
140¾	127¾	Treas I/L 2½% 2006	138¾			
143	126	Treas I/L 2½% 2011	142¾			
139¾	124¾	Treas I/L 2½% 2016	135¾			
130¾	122¾	Treas I/L 2½% 2020	127¾			
111	105¾	Treas I/L 2½% 2024	111¾			
118¾	115¾	Treas I/L 2½% 2035	112¾			
119¾	109¾	Treas I/L 2½% 2024	112¾			
95¾	91¾	Treas I/L 2½% 2024	93¾			

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey National				13.1	4.8	9.5
183	138	Alex Alliance						
121	73	Amalgam (Henry)						
18	12	Ark New Z						
1¾	¾	Bank of Ireland						
1¾	1¼	Bank of Scotland						
1¾	1¼	Barclays						
1¾	1¼	Bk Cyprus						
1¾	1¼	Bk Ireland						
1¾	1¼	Bk Scotland						
1¾	1¼	Bk Wales						
1¾	1¼	Barclays

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80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lines open 8.30am-5.30pm)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Moorfield Acc	91.61	96.19	+0.13	2.61
Inst	93.90	97.97	+0.02	1.29
Div/Gth	91.97	96.85	+0.44	5.65
Capital Gth Sec	53.27	56.66	+0.18	3.07
Ethical	53.86	57.59	+0.24	2.71
High Inc Equity	126.1	144.78	+0.9	6.87
Wyvern Bond	113.5	120.34	+0.6	9.53
Gilt/Fixed	116.5	123.59	+0.2	9.31

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 (dealing) (Freephone) 0800 833560
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Gth	30.17	31.97e	-0.07	2.49
Euro	66.93	70.91	-0.10	0.32
Euro Inc	71.28	75.18	+0.11	1.82
Exempt	786.9	824.2e	+4.4	4.28
Extra Inc	39.25	42.68e	+0.16	5.80
F/E Emrng Ec	48.45	49.95	-0.02	1.29

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Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Inc	348.2	368.7e	+0.3	5.42
Equity Inc	192.0	204.4	-0.3	5.01
High Yield	204.6	218.2e		5.36
Balanced	155.5	165.8	-0.9	5.59
Am Inc	36.29	37.57	-0.06	1.91
World Acc Vel	32.44	34.54	-0.07	1.23
Japan	144.2	154.6	+0.8	0.01
Soc of Am	327.1	348.3	+1.1	0.14

BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 128 Bockenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3030

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth	86.21	87.91c	-0.01	1.56
1992 Euro Spc	51.39	55.54	+0.19	1.85
Ind Inc	69.80	73.90	-0.09	2.88
NAm Gth	48.13	52.54	+0.26	1.52
Pacific Gth	73.98	78.80c	-0.17	1.26
UK Gth Acc	68.27	69.00e	+1.01	1.52
Do Dist	72.24	77.25e	+0.89	3.21
UK Income	59.76	63.90e	+0.43	7.01

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	89.35	95.91	+0.61	3.59
Euro Gth Inc	91.44	97.54	-0.18	1.91
Extra Inc	94.91	101.4e	+0.70	6.55
General	100.7	107.5e	+0.69	3.56
Gth/Fxd Income	93.20	99.49e	+0.57	10.14
Inc Trust	433.8	464.0	+2.5	5.17

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO Tel: 081-658 9000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	66.39	70.86	+0.28	0.40
Am Sm Cos	75.35	80.21	+1.31	0.30
Australia	63.62	68.18	-0.29	1.90
Convertible	45.68	48.83e	+0.11	8.50
Eastern	127.3	136.1		0.27
Equity Inc	73.98	78.71e	+0.10	7.00
Euro Gth	174.7	185.5	-0.1	2.20
Euro Smlr Cos	152.8	163.3	+0.6	1.50
Exempt	99.73	106.6		5.99
German Gth	45.17	48.23	+0.11	1.10
Global Gth	82.93	88.65	+0.02	1.00
Jap Gth	165.6	177.2	+1.3	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	135.5	144.6	-1.0	0.00
Pordfio	99.57	103.7	+0.29	3.80
Do Acc	170.2	177.1	+0.2	3.90
Sth Amer Gth	56.37	60.28	+0.1	0.20
UK Smlr Cos	72.75	77.80e	-0.02	2.90
Select Man	54.97	58.47	+0.12	3.10

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Britan Gth Acc	85.35	91.39e	+0.37	2.71
Do Inc	77.69	85.25e	+0.35	2.71
Global Bond	23.24	24.86	-0.05	6.03
High Yield Acc	41.24	44.10e	-0.05	4.90
Inc	32.15	34.39e	-0.05	4.90
Inc Gth Acc	40.47	43.29e	-0.07	4.89
Do Inc	42.95	45.94	+0.05	5.59
Service Co Acc	71.92	76.92c	+0.06	1.38
Do Inc	67.72	72.43c	-0.61	1.88
Am Gth Acc	39.69	42.45e	+0.43	0.14
Do Inc	34.35	36.73	+0.46	1.08
Euro Gth Acc	35.29	37.75	-0.04	1.40
Do Inc	24.60	26.31	-0.05	1.40
Managed Port	35.71	37.55e	+0.04	0.00

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Pennymount Rd Heywards Heath Tel: 0444 459144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	98.79	105.2	+0.70	4.49
Smlr Cos Acc	193.2	205.8e	+0.9	0.90
Do Inc	116.3	123.9e	+0.6	1.96
High Inc	90.77	96.67e	+0.44	7.35
Income	95.09	101.3e	-0.20	5.35
Man Portf Inc	81.10	86.37	-0.28	2.47
Do Acc	149.6	159.3	+0.4	2.20
Nth Amer	78.77	83.92	+0.11	0.41
Orient	99.8	107.4	-0.2	0.39
Recov	31.99	34.07	+0.11	3.47
Gensec	34.84	37.31c	-0.24	0.11
Intl Recov	29.31	31.23	+0.07	0.14
Europe	20.24	21.79e	-0.03	0.52
Conv Genrt	18.78	17.87e	+0.01	10.65

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4542 Dealing 01-247 7474

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fellowship Inc	53.9c	57.42e	+0.35	2.91
Do Acc	56.90	62.66e	+0.38	2.91
Inc Fund 3	117.3	183.8	+0.8	6.13
Do Acc 3	372.8	396.6e	+1.1	6.13
Inv Port Inc	55.12	57.05	-0.33	2.88
Do Acc	60.26	62.39	+0.35	2.86
Smlr Inc 5	109.3	116.5	+0.3	3.15
Do Acc	128.3	134.4	+0.4	3.15
Hi Inc Pri Inc	49.46	51.28e	+0.01	6.66

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-483 7216

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Shl Gt Fxd Int	63.22	64.06	+0.03	6.38

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PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 5060

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Environ	107.1	114.0	+0.6	2.14
UK Growth	117.7	125.3	+1.0	2.83
UK Income	106.6	113.5e	+0.5	5.66

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8875

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
SE Asia	49.67	53.13e	-0.52	2.11
Growth	40.3	43.1e	+0.3	3.75
Income	48.05	51.38e	+0.29	6.02
Far East	39.63	42.69e	+0.01	0.73
Nth Amer	59.54	63.65e	+0.61	0.01
Global	62.46	66.83	+0.77	1.43
European	58.98	63.08	+0.26	2.66
Japan	98.49	133.2e	+1.10	0.01
Strategic Opp	46.73	49.98	+0.18	2.07
Intl Currency	47.19	50.03e	+0.03	6.97
UK High Inc	34.99	37.42e		5.13

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel: Enquiries 061-236 5685 Dealings 061-236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	93.20	99.16e	-0.45	0.22
Do Acc	99.21	105.5e	-0.48	0.53
European	58.23	59.63	+0.14	1.46
Do Acc	57.88	61.37	+0.15	1.46
Far East/Gen	50.83	54.19	-0.38	0.00
Do Acc	50.83	54.19	-0.38	0.00
Gilt/Index	22.12	23.54	-.-	2.30
Do Acc	24.12	25.70	-.16	2.30
Growth	296.3	316.9	-.-	2.72
Do Acc	481.6	525.8	+0.1	2.72
Inc. &Gth Inc	133.8	144.5	+0.1	4.96
Do Acc	403.9	429.7	+0.3	4.95
Master Portf	133.13	97.29e	-0.05	2.75
Do Acc	93.02	97.67e	+0.08	2.75
Spec Sits	67.99	72.53	+0.72	2.79
Do Acc	76.58	81.47	+0.82	2.79
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.36	10.72c		5.62
Do Acc	£11.22	11.57c	+0.01	5.62

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GE Tel: 071 man 5050 Dealings • 071-985 5065

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Index	180.3	180.3		1.98
Capital	467.2	487.9e	+0.3	3.85
Euro Index	110.8	118.2	-0.1	3.50
Euro Growth	71.77	76.39	+0.08	1.98
Far East Gth	68.53	72.99	+0.16	1.17
Global Bond	109.58	21.95	-0.05	8.40
Gold Gen $ S	62.74	66.95	-0.44	2.20
Hong Kong	40.3	43.0	-0.8	3.27
Income	428.4	457.2e	+1.5	5.83
Intl Gth	61.90	66.05	-0.48	1.29
Intl Gth	219.7	234.4	+0.6	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	71.22	59.31	-0.09	0.00
Jap Index	66.80	71.39	-0.08	0.92
Amer Gth	312.8	333.8	+1.9	1.63
Shrp Mstry	32.81	34.92	-0.03	0.00
Tiger Index	86.53	92.56e	+0.09	1.10
UK Index	109.5	116.8	+0.2	3.91

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Portf	59.23	63.35	-0.28	1.73
Euro Port	59.85	63.77e	-0.28	1.24
Jap Portf	46.76	49.72	-0.79	0.00
Pacific Portf	62.83	67.56	-0.79	2.56
Portf	89.60	93.73	-0.15	3.76
UK Inc/Gth	55.65	60.14e	+0.28	7.06

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	532.9	539.5e		5.44
Acc	£19.44	19.71	.-	
Deposit	100.0			10.25
Fixed Int Inc	115.3	115.5e		10.04
Do Acc	131.6	131.8e		

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 Wimpo Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Assets	52.37	55.13e		2.90
Bank Inv Op Ac	63.77	65.58e		5.39
Fntar Hse Inc	171.9	182.2c		6.26
Fntar Hse Dep	211.8	224.5		2.72

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: Enquiries 081-991 3222 Dealing 081-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Gth	77.11	82.03	-0.16	1.10
Euro Gth	74.69	79.39e	-0.03	1.63
Far East	71.13	77.01	-0.25	0.46
Jap Gwth	37.03	39.39	+0.40	0.00
Managed Inc	54.07	57.52c	-0.10	3.71
Do Acc	82.07	86.03c	-0.12	0.46
Monthly Inc	41.95	44.98	-0.04	0.00
Smlr Cos Inc	39.20	31.06	+0.07	2.31
Do Acc	31.32	33.32	+0.08	2.31
UK/Gen Inc	61.45	65.37	-0.24	3.62
Do Acc	70.44	74.94	-0.25	3.62
Wrlde Bond	50.39	53.60e	+0.07	5.07
Do Acc	60.33	64.18e	+0.09	5.07
Wrlde Sp Sits	44.15	47.22	+0.06	0.52
Do Accum	45.91	48.88	+0.06	0.52
Guitar Gen Inc	105.1	111.8e	+0.09	1.73
Do Acc	112.9	120.2e	+0.09	1.73
Guitar Inc	87.85	93.43	+0.09	4.41
Do Acc	99.35	105.7	+0.11	4.41
Guitar Int Inc	105.2	111.9	+0.14	0.00
Do Acc	106.2	113.0	+0.13	0.00
Gtr UK S/S Inc	71.00	75.53	+0.13	3.19
Do Acc	91.85	97.50	+0.17	3.19

COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT
UNION PRESTIGE FUND

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Finance/Prop	88.39	91.90e	+0.85	2.90
Fixed/Conv	34.58	36.79c	+0.07	8.90
Do Acc	81.38	86.57c	+0.16	8.90
Equity Inc	127.7	136.9	-0.42	5.25
Gen Inc	379.9	404.1	-1.25	5.25
High Yield Inc	103.9	110.5e	-0.34	6.48
Do Inc	362.0	385.1e	-0.84	6.48
Preference Inc	39.17	41.67e	+0.02	9.54
Do Acc	181.9	192.5e	+0.10	9.54
PPT Europe	124.7	132.7	+0.65	1.14
PPT Global	63.25	67.29	+0.08	5.04
PPT Gld/Com	46.03	48.97	-0.29	0.00
PPT Thst	33.17	35.29	-0.16	0.83
PPT HK	52.01	55.33	+0.13	1.56
PPT Jap	106.9	112.7	+0.61	0.00
PPT Nth Amer	107.2	114.0	-0.18	0.12
PPT Sing/M	69.93	74.39	+0.15	0.00
PPT UK	99.75	106.1	-0.42	2.04
PPT Cash	93.8	•	•	9.59

COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT
UNION PRESTIGE FUND

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Finance/Prop	88.39	91.90e	+0.85	2.90
Fixed/Conv	34.58	36.79c	+0.07	8.90
Do Acc	81.38	86.57c	+0.16	8.90
Equity Inc	127.7	136.9	-0.42	5.25
Gen Inc	379.9	404.1	-1.25	5.25
High Yield Inc	103.9	110.5e	-0.34	6.48
Do Inc	362.0	385.1e	-0.84	6.48
Preference Inc	39.17	41.67e	+0.02	9.54
Do Acc	181.9	192.5e	+0.10	9.54
PPT Europe	124.7	132.7	+0.65	1.14
PPT Global	63.25	67.29	+0.08	5.04
PPT Gld/Com	46.03	48.97	-0.29	0.00
PPT Thst	33.17	35.29	-0.16	0.83
PPT HK	52.01	55.33	+0.13	1.56
PPT Jap	106.9	112.7	+0.61	0.00
PPT Nth Amer	107.2	114.0	-0.18	0.12
PPT Sing/M	69.93	74.39	+0.15	0.00
PPT UK	99.75	106.1	-0.42	2.04
PPT Cash	93.8	•	•	9.59

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577933

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cmnwl Op Acc	56.48	60.06e	-0.28	1.43
Japanese	57.91	60.66e	+0.02	0.00
UK Balan Inc	164.3	166.9	+0.7	3.42
Do Acc	176.7	124.1	+0.7	3.42
UK Gth Accum	172.7	183.7	+1.0	2.90
UK Hi Inc	115.8	123.0c	+0.58	8.04
UK Hi Inc Acc	124.3	132.2c	+0.59	8.04
N Amer Acc	76.11	84.16	+0.41	0.12
Euro Acc	105.8	112.5	-0.03	1.44
Int Pref/Fl Inc	86.45	92.89	+0.02	8.82
High Inc	85.02	85.84	+0.03	9.91
Income	105.9	113.2		7.39
Intl Fxd Int	23.66	24.80e	-0.02	7.39
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	68.93	71.77	-0.26	1.37
Eurowentures	16.28	17.30	-0.16	0.63
Frontier Mkts	132.68	134.36	-0.56	0.53
Glob Inc/Gth	69.13	96.15e	+0.04	0.00
UK/Intl	82.02	86.42	+0.28	2.84
Overseas Trusts				
Amerian	80.17	98.35	+0.49	1.40
European	60.24	66.03	+0.57	1.45
Euro Sel Opp	80.45	85.43	-0.04	0.00
Far East	66.11	70.24	+0.09	0.00
Hong Kong	54.38	58.38	+0.14	0.65
Japan	169.2	179.8	-0.36	0.00
Pacific Gth	86.84	93.12	+0.02	1.31

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equitrk Pelican	101.2	108.5e	-0.33	4.86
Inc Trust	107.6	113.5e	-0.29	6.12
T Of Inv Ts	112.7	118.7	+0.01	3.29
Spec Sits	94.80	99.56	+0.51	4.26
Tr Inc	76.26	80.09	+0.41	5.99
Far East	171.9	181.0	+0.32	1.28
Intl Gth	123.61	77.98	+0.13	1.28
Euro	58.77	59.70	+0.04	0.33
Smlr Cos	67.43	69.46	-0.04	3.26

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1BD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Accum	283.4	288.9e	+0.6	3.46
Do Inc	182.0	187.6e	+0.4	3.46
Higher Inc Acc	458.3	487.6e	+1.8	4.93
Do Inc	296.8	315.6e	+1.0	4.93
Gilts/Fxd Acc	141.2	148.4e		8.75
Do Inc	81.73	86.04e	-0.04	8.75
N America	163.5	195.3e	+2.5	0.00
Far East	230.3	245.1e	+0.7	0.00
Europe	199.6	211.3e	+2.1	0.00
Gemit	358.7	381.7e	+1.3	3.36
Gemit Acc	378.5	402.7e	+1.4	3.36
Sr Excellence	55.67	58.64e	+1.15	3.08
Sr Fdmtls Inc	51.72	54.48e	+1.13	5.93
Do Acc	58.94	73.39e	+1.58	5.93
Global Ops	58.20	61.92c	+0.25	0.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hemel Hempstead Herts HP1 1TN Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	165.4	174.8c	+0.4	0.00
Cash Unit	138.55	•	+0.03	10.21
European	93.41	100.2e	+0.24	0.00
Gth/Inc	128.0	137.3	+0.4	5.15
Inc Trust	103.7	111.3	+0.3	6.54
UK Gth	53.13	56.98	+0.17	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Convert	47.5	50.0		0.00
Am Sp Sits	88.25	94.39	+0.40	0.40
UK Cap Inc	143.2	153.2	+0.4	4.16
Do Acc	235.4	251.8	+0.5	4.16
Do Spec Sits	95.28	99.11e	+0.24	1.93
Inc Fund	99.16	106.1	+0.27	7.71
Intl	189.9	203.1	-0.3	1.24
US/Genrl	66.04	70.35	+0.24	0.65
Jap & Genrl	36.89	39.00	-1.8	0.00
Far East/Gen	192.2	205.6	-0.2	1.70
Euro	311.2	331.8	+0.1	1.16
Germany	82.75	87.86e	+0.02	0.45
Intl Inc	95.56	99.12	+0.09	5.65
Wrldwd Spec Sit	68.52	72.73	+0.02	2.89
Global Pty Inc	48.57	51.55	+0.04	2.89
Do Acc	50.17	53.86	+0.04	2.89
Smlr Cos Div	43.77	46.82	+0.09	5.97

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 254421 Bondpac: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Trusts				
Britain Gth	34.84	37.05		
CamVrtuse*	118.83	c	+0.02	10.32
Pfstd Inv Inc	90.19	96.66e	+0.56	2.92
Do Acc	185.6	198.9e	+1.17	2.92
UK Stat Cos	101.9	109.3e	+0.32	2.95
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	81.51	85.76c		6.57
Preference	21.49	22.59e	-0.02	10.99
High Inc	31.20	32.79e	+0.01	9.91
Income	105.9	113.2		7.39
Intl Fxd Int	23.66	24.80e	-0.02	7.39
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	68.93	71.77	-0.26	1.37
Eurowentures	16.28	17.30	-0.16	0.63
Frontier Mkts	132.68	134.36	-0.56	0.53
Glob Inc/Gth	69.13	96.15e	+0.04	0.00
UK/Intl	82.02	86.42	+0.28	2.84
Overseas Trusts				
Amerian	80.17	98.35	+0.49	1.40
European	60.24	66.03	+0.57	1.45
Euro Sel Opp	80.45	85.43	-0.04	0.00
Far East	66.11	70.24	+0.09	0.00
Hong Kong	54.38	58.38	+0.14	0.65
Japan	169.2	179.8	-0.36	0.00
Pacific Gth	86.84	93.12	+0.02	1.31

GOVETT HORIN UNIT MANAGEMENT
Middleton Hse, 4, Bonhill Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HH Tel: 071-378 7879 Dealing:071-588 0626

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	105.0	113.4	+0.01	0.71
Smlr Cos Growth	55.70	59.44	-0.03	0.00
Euro Growth	57.45	61.36e	-0.24	1.20
Gbl Horizons	40.39	43.97	-0.23	0.78
High Growth	68.49	73.25e	-0.56	0.00
Pacific Inc	84.54	101.1	-0.38	0.55
Pacific Strat	62.20	66.52	-0.45	0.55
UK Prog Inc	69.41	74.23	+0.32	7.23
Gt Britain	44.71	47.81		2.36
UK Smlr Co	39.72	42.49e	+0.04	2.84

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 9866

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cash	119.7	•	+0.1	10.49
Capital Interest	100.4	116.1	-0.2	5.11
Gth Equity	263.2	281.1	+1.5	3.10
Guardhill	368.8	391.8	+0.4	3.03
Inc Tst	98.78	105.6	+0.59	5.63
Intl	122.9	131.4e	+0.2	0.56
Managed	486.9	511.5	-2.4	3.11
N Amer	184.3	196.9e	+0.7	0.63
Pacific	202.8	216.9e	+0.7	0.00
Prop Shares	203.8	217.7	-1.1	4.89
Smlr Cos	235.6	241.0e	-0.2	2.08
Euro Trust	364.6	325.4	-0.6	0.48

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 838888

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global Adv Inc	28.60	31.38	+0.12	2.51
Global Adv Acc	30.27	32.09	+0.13	2.51

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1AL Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 260350

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Equity	52.58	55.60e	+0.13	4.80
Commodities	51.64	55.39e	-0.07	0.18
Equity Inc	99.22	102.4c	+0.90	6.05
Euro	116.8	125.7	-.-	0.95
High Inc	62.03	65.59e	+0.52	7.93
Intl Gth	65.20	69.00	+0.53	0.00
Jap & Far East	93.09	94.52e	-0.62	0.00
N Am	76.00	80.64	-0.09	0.53
Scandinavian	97.97	103.6	+0.40	0.95
Smlr Cos	25.76	27.94e		4.05
UK New Germ	35.83	38.12	+0.05	2.15

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin & Receipts Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Smlr Cos	60.70	65.40	-0.89	0.00
Capital Enterprise	73.52	78.86	-0.45	3.77
Australian	134.0	132.5e	-0.45	0.31
European	287.9	304.9e	+0.90	0.68
Euro Inc	57.97	61.05	+0.10	3.08
Euro Cos Acc	107.7	113.4	+0.19	0.00
Extra Inc	232.4	247.4e	-0.03	6.73
Family Of Fds	56.34	59.63	-0.38	1.42
Fixed Interest	48.71	53.93e	+0.01	8.90
Gilt & Fixed	72.19	74.36	-1.36	0.00
High Inc	257.6	275.4e	-0.88	5.97
Income/Gth Inc	208.6	222.2	+0.74	5.23
Do Acc	486.7	527.9	+1.74	5.23
Intl	98.21	104.6	+0.26	0.00
Jap Spec Sits	192.1	203.8	-0.92	0.00
Japan	189.0	178.4	-0.87	0.00
Nth Amer	168.0	178.0	-0.65	0.93
Recovery Cos	123.3	131.9	-0.54	0.00
Prof/Gilt	39.54	43.39e	+0.08	12.21
Smlr Cos Div	142.9	155.8e	+0.68	5.46
Spec Sits Inc	219.0	234.4	+1.83	2.13
Spec Sits Acc	241.0	257.9	+2.02	2.13
Best of British	45.52	53.07c	+0.01	3.52
Spcn Of East	40.90	43.75e	+0.21	0.73

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
MLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 081-668 4355

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British	78.09	83.51c	+1.14	3.33
Capit	133.3	142.5	+0.2	2.86
Dollar	122.3	248.4e	+0.2	0.82
Euro	182.7	174.9	+0.2	0.00
Far East	163.5	174.8	+2.2	1.83
Financial	498.6	534.3e	+10.5	3.88
G/F Intrst Inc	23.42	24.39e	+0.13	8.67
G/F Intrst Yield	92.91	96.78e	+0.49	8.67
Int Trust	114.6	122.5e	+0.2	4.85
Intl	173.0	185.0	+1.1	1.13
Jap Tech	60.31	64.50	+0.37	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	53.94	57.68	+0.86	1.42
Special Sources	255.2	272.9	+5.0	3.09
Smlr Cos	90.73	97.03e	+2.80	2.09
Spec Sits	128.6	136.3	+2.6	3.33
US Smlr Cos	48.39	51.75	+0.73	0.00

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 071-248 4210

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Sp Sits	41.90	44.97e	+0.29	0.00
Cap Gth	89.95	94.69e		2.93
Invest Trst	99.86	105.1c		0.92

INVESCO MIM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 071-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733
UK Specialist Trusts

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Bal/Chase Cos	41.90

Goodbye Piccadilly, hello Milton Keynes

London-based companies are leaving the capital in droves and moving their staff to new towns and cities in the search for cheaper costs and a better environment. Christopher Warman, property correspondent, reports

A new survey, to be published next month, shows that many businesses in London are putting relocation at the top of their forward planning lists, which could have a great impact on employment in the capital.

The survey was carried out by Markheath, the property developer, and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry among the 1,000 largest companies in London. The survey reveals that 145 businesses are either in the process of relocating or intend to do so in the next three years. Of these businesses, 40 per cent will need to employ more than 200 staff, which would mean a large number of lost jobs for London.

The flight of business from the capital is not a new phenomenon. Companies have often started in London and then moved away for various reasons, including the cost and availability of accommodation and staff, improved transport and a better quality of life.

However, the exodus has increased in recent months. The main cause has been the need to reduce costs and improve productivity. The availability of cheap office space in London has done nothing to stop the departures.

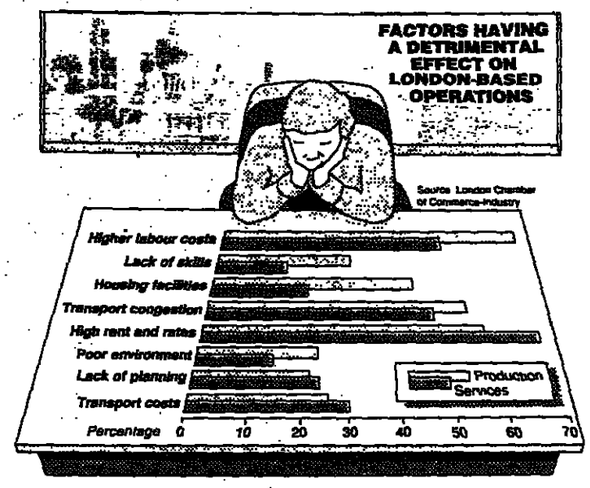
Although cost considerations are still the main incentive, an increasingly important factor is the availability of labour, especially skilled labour.

The chamber reports that shortages in professional and managerial staff have been particularly acute and account for about a quarter of the total shortages in London. As a result, there has been strong competition to attract staff of the right quality, a challenge that has increased significantly and has been only partly mitigated by the recession.

There is no doubt, too, that congestion, the lack of coordination of road, rail and air and the cost of moving about the capital have combined to make people think seriously about the advantages of working in London, especially when the alternative of work nearer home or in a better environment is available.

The consequence of all these factors, combined with the recession, is that companies, particularly in London and the southeast, are looking carefully at their costs and finding that relocation is an attractive option.

However, many companies do not take the cheapest route to relocation. Nationwide Relocation, an arm of the Nationwide Anglia Building Society, found that only 15-20 per cent of the companies that were relocating used a specialist consultancy, compared with about 80 per cent in the United States.



This worries Mike Spencer, the sales and marketing director of Nationwide Relocation, who says: "It would indicate that employers are not always aware of the cost savings that can be achieved from a carefully prepared relocation strategy, allied with a clear-cut, Inland Revenue-approved, relocation policy.

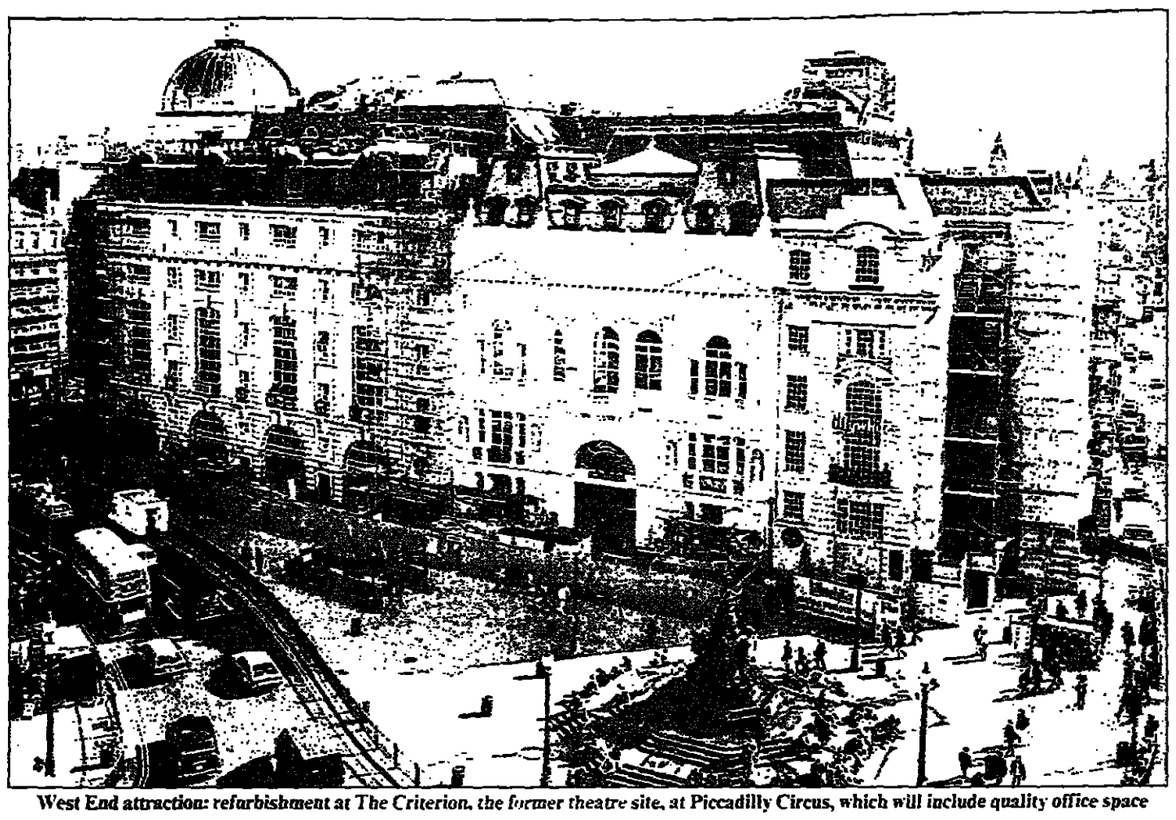
"In the United States, by contrast, most companies have a relocation policy, and the vast majority use the support of a relocation consultancy to formulate it for them."

The relocation strategist Pugh Carmichael, which with Nationwide Relocation forms the Relocation Management Group, can point to many examples of companies spending millions, only to find that they have quickly outgrown their new location, incorrectly read the labour market, especially in engineering and computer skills, and miscalculated labour costs.

The search for a better environment and cheaper running costs takes companies to cities and towns as well as to the well advertised greenfield sites, and, as the accompanying Chesterton Research table shows, there are large savings to be made.

Not only does rent vary enormously throughout the country – for example, levels in Milton Keynes are a quarter of those in the West End of London – but so do the service charges and business rates.

The Chesterton Research study shows there are particular areas where local factors exert a strong influence on rental levels. In Birmingham and Manchester city centres, for example, the lack of high-specification buildings of sufficient size pushes up rents. However, the differential between regional centres and London is likely to remain substantial.



West End attraction: refurbishment at The Criterion, the former theatre site, at Piccadilly Circus, which will include quality office space

Fighting back with capital ideas

In a move to stem the exodus and attract business, London has some bargain offers

A shortage of office and allied space is expected in the City of London core area, known as bankers' walk, as soon as the economy improves. The forecast comes from Sir Brian Goswell, the deputy senior partner at Healey & Baker, the surveyor and estate agent.

Within a ten-minute stroll of the Bank of England, about 1.6 million sq ft of space is available or expected by the end of 1992. In the whole City the figure is likely to be about 9.5 million sq ft. Docklands has about four million sq ft available, and Healey & Baker estimates that about 2.6 million sq ft in developments of 20,000 sq ft or more are free in the West End. Smaller projects add nine million sq ft to the central London figure.

Michael Lansley, of Hambro Countrywide Relocation, one of Britain's three leading relocation agencies, is optimistic: "With some London rents lower than those in Bristol it would be surprising if there was not a start to a reverse of the trend to move out of the capital."

Some Docklands rents are £10 a sq ft, against about £18 in Bristol. The London Docklands Development Corporation has maintained that lower rentals are a response by developers to the marketing problem posed by the end of the Docklands enterprise zone rates holiday next April.

Jim McCredie, KPMG Peat Marwick's relocations expert, believes many companies think they can afford to stay in London at least for a while because rents have stabilised a little. He says: "They realise, however, that it is only short-term because at rent reviews they will eventually be hit. So it is a stabilising factor for a few years."

Some Docklands developments suffer less from transport problems because they are nearer the St Katharine's Dock area, where deals of £30 a sq ft are available. However, the offer can be closer to half this price if a rent-free period of two years or more is also part of the deal.

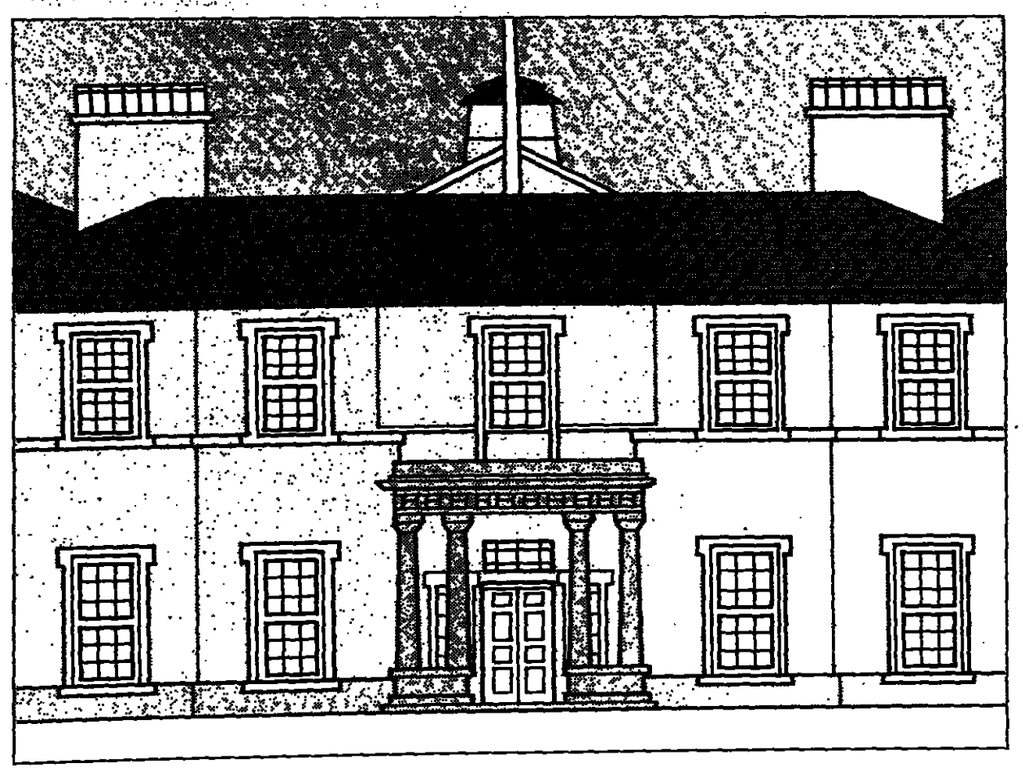
Many forecasters expect the new links with mainland Europe will bring development to London, especially in warehousing and particularly to the south on the motorway network.

Eric Sorensen, the corporation's chief executive, says one of the "wonderful things" about the Canary Wharf area is the high quality of developments.

Jacqui Ginnane, the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry's chief economist, says: "A lot of relocation activity is a leftover from the era of high prices and rents at the beginning of the 1990s and the late 1980s. Companies are still going through with moves planned then. The effect of lower costs, which we have seen latterly, are not being reflected.

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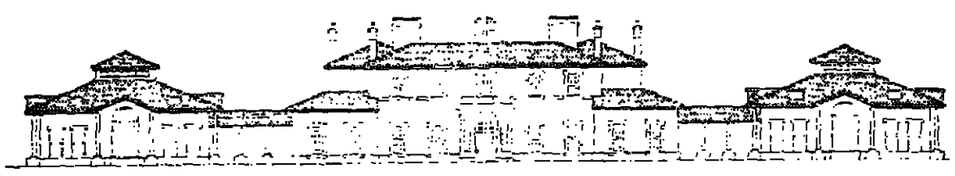
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The right moves

Relocation agencies can help sell and buy homes, find jobs for spouses and arrange bridging loans, Derek Harris reports

Relocation agencies are rising to the challenge of the recession with new initiatives. The biggest problem faced by the agencies has been the slowdown in property markets, as unsold homes vacated by relocating employees have flooded the market. Employee welfare has also gained new importance.

There are more than 300 relocation agencies in the United Kingdom, half of them members of the Association of Relocation Agents (ARA). Estimates suggest that they account for between 15 and 25 per cent or more of all relocation activity in the country.

The relocation industry can be split into three broad sectors of activity, with some overlap between the sectors.

Commercial relocation agents help companies seeking commercial premises. They also undertake the entire coordination of company moves. Corporate relocation management companies assist companies relocating employees either in total, in groups, or individually. Other agents specialise in searching out homes for private or corporate individuals.

The majority of agencies operate on a regional basis, but there are about a dozen nationwide operators and another six that work internationally.

Among the market leaders are Black Horse, Hambro Countrywide Relocation, PHH Home Equity, Morton Fraser Relocation, Nationwide, and PRIcoa Relocation Management.

London-based IRC Worldwide operates nationally, but also specialises in international moves covering 150 key cities around the world.

Selling property has proved so hard that fewer companies are offering bridging finance than 18 months ago, according to a new annual survey by PHH Home Equity. The survey, out last month, shows 45 per cent of relocating companies offering bridging finance compared with 54 per cent a year ago.

Legal costs, however, are now usually offered by almost all companies compared with 82 per cent in 1990. Similarly, furniture removal costs and temporary hotel accommodation is now on offer in almost all cases, where before 85 per cent included it. About 80 per cent also offer a disturbance allowance against 62 per cent in 1990.

Kevin Buckthorpe, PHH's managing director, says: "There is a growing trend towards taking tighter control of relocation costs. Where possible, firms are avoiding highly expensive, open-ended arrangements such as bridging finance."

Houses vacated by relocating employees are, in the current market, turning out to be unsellable. According to PHH, an empty £150,000 property can incur maintenance repairs, insurance costs, and interest charges of up to £2,000 a month in outgoings.

PHH estimates that there could be as many as 35,000 such homes, representing a total value approaching £4 billion, and offers a service to sell homes vacated by relocating employees.

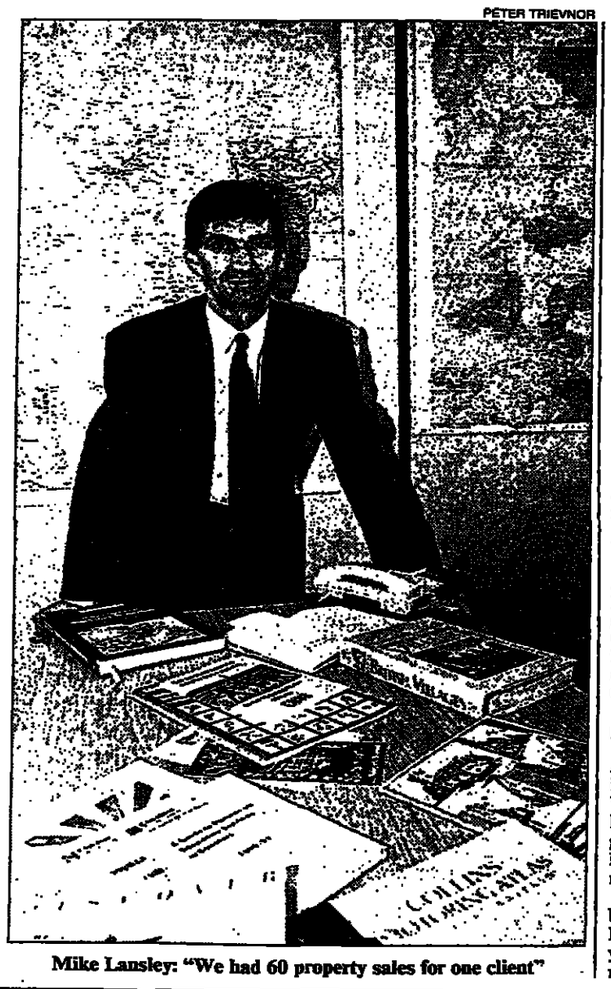
Hambro Countrywide Relocation has developed its house sales system to cope with the orphan homes problem. It has 14 field service officers, who monitor the work of agents and the state of the market. A £350,000 computer installation is part of the monitoring effort and client companies get a monthly update on the state of properties up for sale. Big clients can dial in for instant updates.

Michael Lansley, the managing director, says: "We are already getting some very good results. For one client we had 60 property sales between June and October that had been on the market for no longer than 80 days."

Of these, 44 per cent were sold at agreed prices — fixed by two independent valuations — and another 44 per cent at more than the agreed price.

Black Horse is introducing an extended menu of services from which employers can select a package for employees, including help for dual-income families where the move of one partner produces career development problems for the other.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Mike Lansley: "We had 60 property sales for one client"

Money-saving merry-go-round

The exodus from London and other cities of geographically mobile financial sector businesses looks likely to continue, *Derek Harris writes.*

Jim McCredie, the relocation specialist of the accountant KPMG Peat Marwick, says: "The big factor is the savings, currently about £7,000 a year for clerical staff taking into account key elements like rents and London salary allowances.

"Staff are more likely to stay with the company rather than rejecting relocation and trying to find another job."

All over the country, companies are moving offices and employees in the search for cheaper running costs, better transport and a healthier environment.

In Manchester, Refuge Assurance has left its city centre landmark building and taken up a greenfield site in Wilmslow, Cheshire. NPI, with a head office in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, has relocated substantial operations to Cardiff in South Wales.

Barclays Bank has a long-term programme for moving more than 10,000 jobs out of central London. A recent move involved 700 jobs in eight departments relocating to Westwood Park, Coventry. Also leaving London is the equity and gilts department with several hunddred staff, which is being resited in Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Computer centres have already been resited in Poole, Dorset, and Knutsford, Cheshire. Earlier this year National Westminster Bank relocated its insolvency and debt recovery operation from London to Telford, Shropshire, and its international payments and insurance services departments to Bristol.



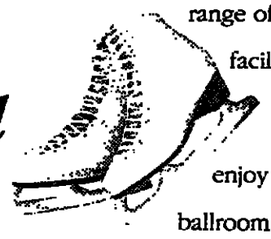
Jim McCredie: "bargains about"

Eagle Star Insurance has had a presence in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, since the 1960s, and by 1995 plans to have three main sites, including a new one at Bishops Cleeve, which will be ready for occupation by about 1,000 staff next year.

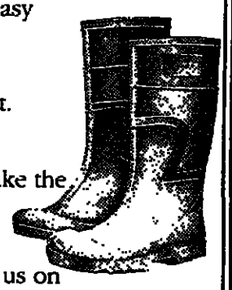
TSB Bank is moving 600 head office posts to Birmingham together with the management team. The relocation is expected to save about £10 million a year.

The company believes a national banking operation can be run from outside London. Peter Ellwood, the chief executive, says: "We are the first bank to move its head office out of London. I would be surprised if we were the last. We had come to the point where there seemed little sense in keeping such a large presence in London."

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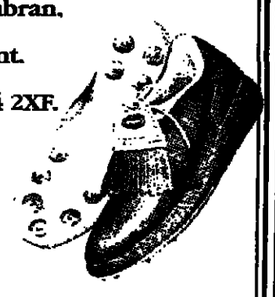


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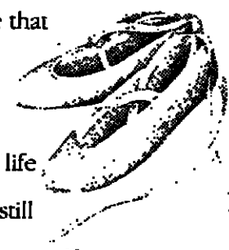
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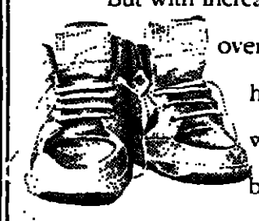
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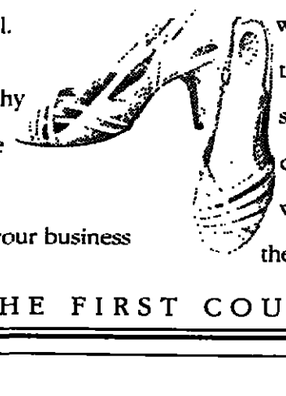


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Eco-parks are the latest type of business park tussling to secure company relocations and expansions, *Derek Harris writes.*

The hallmarks of the eco-parks include lakes with wildfowl, habitats to attract mammals, parkland-style vistas with tree-lined avenues and other restful landscaping. More than anything else, there should be lower-than-usual densities for industrial and office units.

There are about 30 high-quality business parks, many created by leading developers such as Arlington, Speyhawk and Trafalgar House.

This is the estimate of Applied Property Research (APR), where one director, Andy King, says: "We see the new generation of business parks as being big with low densities and with huge emphasis on landscaping."

Half the average density for industrial units is claimed by Wentloog Park, which is developing 150 acres near Cardiff on land close to the bay but with a mountainscape backdrop. One big lake has already won a Prince of Wales industrial environment award, and half a dozen more are being created. Many varieties of wildfowl are attracted by the water.

Clark Warren, the manager, says: "There is an oriental garden with a pagoda, built up using local stone, and we have spent £100,000 on that alone." A railway village is planned to revive railhead arrangements for companies needing that form of transport.

Wentloog is being developed by Nick Williams, a local entrepreneur, who moved from steel stockholding to property development. It is a joint venture with South Glamorgan county council, which has part of the site. Three companies are on site so far, including Renold Gears and Clutches.

Wentloog was preceded by Crewe Business Park in Cheshire in developing the eco-park concept. This 87-acre park, owned by two local authorities, has a large lake and ponds fed by streams and has provided extra habitats to attract a rich population of mammals and birds.



Clark Warren at Wentloog Park near Cardiff: "There is an oriental garden with a pagoda, built from local stone, and we have spent £100,000 on that alone"

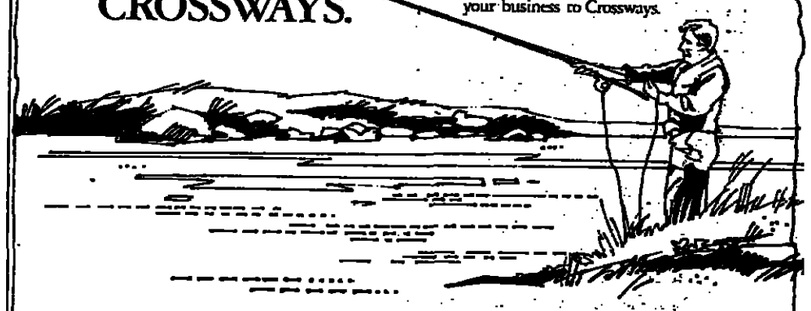
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Business booms over the border

SCOTLAND

Despite the recession, the tartan option is still popular with relocating businesses. Scotland benefits especially from investment coming in from Japan and the United States.

Although American companies are being hit by the recession at home, Japanese interest continues to grow, says David Brown, the executive director of Locate in Scotland (LiS). LiS operates under the aegis of the Scottish Office and Scottish Enterprise, the successor to the Scottish Development Agency.

Peter Tilling, one of the largest British injection moulders, opened a £5 million Lanarkshire factory last summer. The company has moved to Scotland because its main site in Wembley, northwest London, was too cramped. Eventually 200 new jobs will be created.

TSB Mortgages decided to relocate its headquarters from north London to Glasgow.



David Brown: "expansion"

Apart from lower property prices, the availability of skilled staff in the financial services area was a key factor behind the move.

Mr Brown says: "We concentrate on expansion projects. An encouraging trend is to interest companies which not only want a branch plant, but also wish to add research and development capability."

Vandervell, which makes advanced engine bearings for the automotive industry, is investing £18 million in a new research plant at Bathgate, Lothian. The move will create 550 jobs by 1995, and the company is relocating from Maidenhead, Berkshire.

A European company taking the plunge in Scotland is Switzerland's Schindler Lifts, which is spending £500,000 on a research centre at a science park in Livingstone, near Edinburgh, and aims to capitalise on links with Edinburgh University.

Scotland produces more than a third of Europe's personal computer output and is now home to 350 electronics companies. The most recent recruit has been Japan's Alps Electronics, which, in a £4 million plant at Arbroath, Tayside, will produce tuners for televisions and video recorders.

Last year, investment in Scotland from Japan and Asia amounted to £92.7 million, nearly three times the £33 million of the previous year.

South Korean and Taiwanese companies have also invested in Scotland. South Korea's Amkor Anam, which manufactures semi-conductors, has taken over a plant at Irvine, which it plans to expand, and Taiwan-based Delta Electronics, producer of power supply components, is planning a £14-million plant at Inchinnan, Strathclyde.

Scotland's success in stimulating growth could also halt the traditional tendency of Scots to leave their homeland.

Mr Brown says: "The population is now increasing and that is encouraging. There was a lack of quality in employment opportunities in the past, but these are increasing. This is drawing people back and I believe the process will go on."

DEREK HARRIS

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Northern Ireland is benefiting from being five years ahead of mainland Britain in having a fibre-optic data-transmission "ring", linked to the mainland by two submarine fibre-optic cables.

Thanks to its advanced telecommunications, Northern Ireland has attracted back-office relocations, with at least 2,000 new jobs already, mainly from the government sector but also including Prudential's life claims processing department. Many of British Airways' domestic and international reservations are handled in Northern Ireland too.

The attractions include high-quality new office accommodation, from a maximum rental of £9 a sq ft in Belfast to £5 in Londonderry. Another advantage is wage costs 10 to 15 per cent lower than the average.

Relocations have also included Customs and Excise VAT headquarters at Newry, Enniskillen and Londonderry, and an Inland Revenue refund office in Belfast.

Pressure on the London passport office and other regional offices, where applicants have had to wait six weeks at peak times, has been relieved by an additional 63 jobs at the Belfast office. Two-thirds of its work comes from mainland applicants, who get the three-day or four-day service that Northern Ireland people have had for years.

Ian Walters, the Industrial Development Board executive director, says: "We have plenty of office space available in Belfast alone, and more projected as the huge Laganside comprehensive redevelopment gets under way, and similar high-grade accommodation elsewhere.

"Moving a 30,000 sq ft office employing 200 from mainland Britain to Northern Ireland can save a minimum £500,000 in overheads every year, and between £2 million and £3 million if it is moved from London."

ROBERT RODWELL

Quality workers draw the foreign investors

WALES

The time has come to bury the myth that companies relocate to Wales only for the grants, says Dr Gwyn Jones, of the Welsh Development Agency. "If industrialists wanted handouts, they would go where the big money is — Greece or southern Italy," he insists. "They come here because they know they can prosper."

Wales attracts 20 per cent of Britain's new investment, even though only 5 per cent of the population live there. Last year, 14 foreign companies relocated to or expanded in Wales, spending £585 million and creating 15,000 jobs.

Among the first Japanese companies to relocate to Wales was Sony, which chose Bridgend. Today, the company employs 2,500 in its television factory, and is responsible for creating a further 10,000 jobs among local suppliers. Fifty per cent of its components and supplies are made in Wales.

"Bridgend is our number one plant worldwide in terms of quality and productivity," says John Bevan, the manager. "And it is because of Wales's competitiveness that we are embarking on a massive £147 million expansion two miles down the road at Pencoed. When that comes on stream in 1992, our workforce will increase to 4,000."

Seventy-five per cent of the company's 1.3 million televisions are exported, and the plant also supplies Trinitron tubes and circuit boards to Sony's German, Spanish and Asian plants.

National Panasonic in Cardiff enjoys equally good industrial relations, says David Fowler, the personnel director. Wales's responsiveness to Japanese management methods has convinced National Panasonic to relocate a further four factories to the principality.

Under an extension of the "motor regions of Europe" partnership, Wales has been twinned with Baden-Württemberg in Germany, Rhône Alpes in France, Lombardy in Italy and Catalonia in Spain. The partnership began 18 months ago with Baden-Württemberg, and it has already yielded a large relocation — the £100 million Bosch alternator factory near Cardiff.

"The underlying strength for the Welsh economy, the closeness of the M4 and the quality-consciousness of the workforce is what attracted us to Wales," explains Gerhard Turner, Bosch's commercial director. When in 1995 the factory is in full production, 80 per cent of its output will be exported.

In financial terms, North America is the largest investor in Wales. Dow Corning is spending £150 million on making Barry the world's second largest silicone producer, and Cyanamid, another chemical company, is spending £3.5 million on doubling its output at Wrexham.

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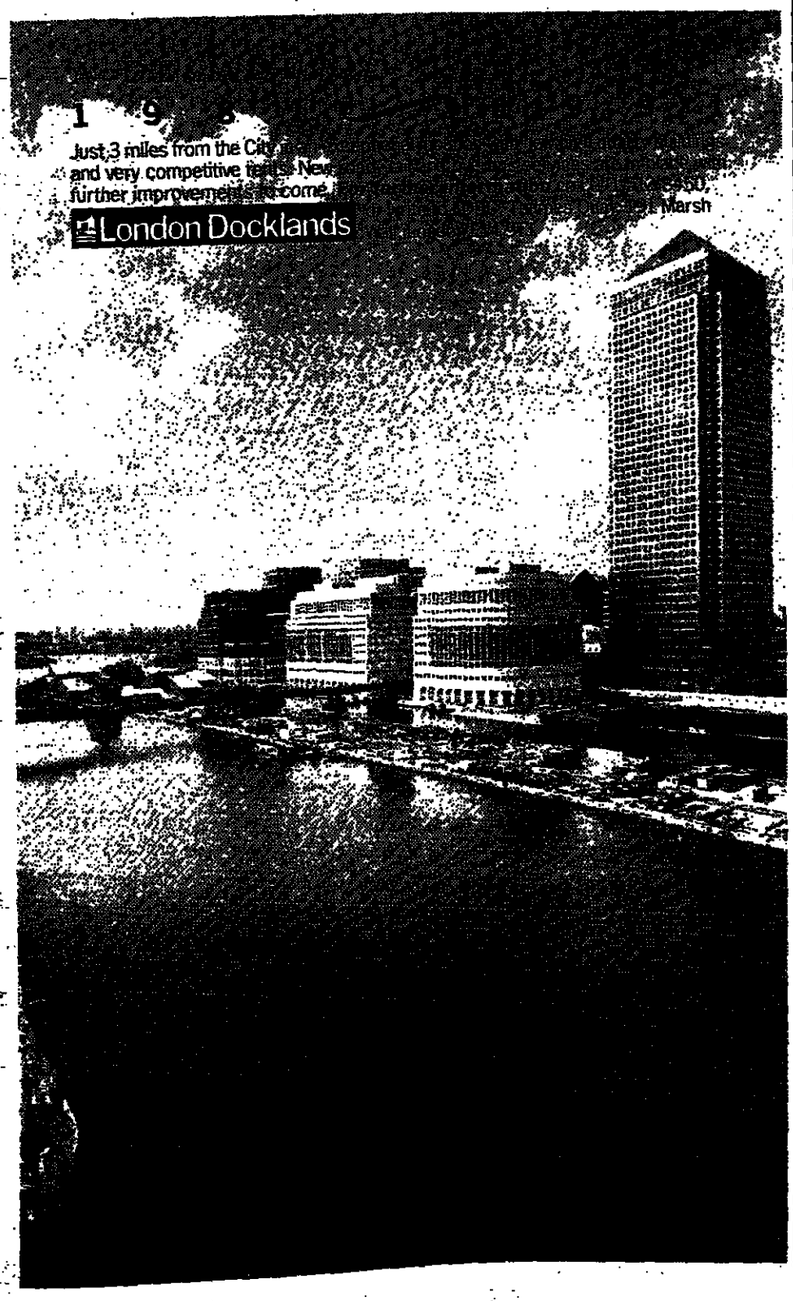


Senior engineer Kojo Saito on the Sony production line

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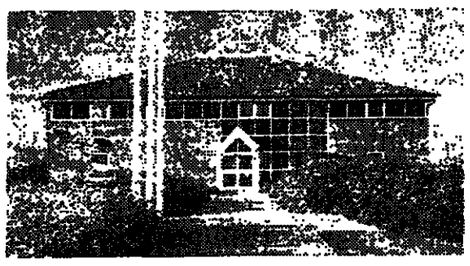
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How the stress of moving jobs affects wives and children. **Widget Finn** reports

A family affair

For the family man, relocation involves uprooting the home, wife and children. For the employee it usually means promotion and extra financial benefits, but the job change can also involve temporary separation, a house move to an unfamiliar area, new schools, unemployment for a working spouse, and general disruption to family life.

Therefore, it is hardly surprising that a survey by the Institute of Manpower Studies found that one in three managers at one time or another had refused relocation because of family commitments.

The cost of recruiting to replace a "refusenik" is one-and-a-half times the first year's salary, while relocating a manager, according to the CBI Relocation Council, costs about £30,000.

Companies are faced with an enormous bill when an employee goes through the relocation process and then resigns because the family cannot settle in new surroundings. This is an increasingly frequent occurrence. Many employers offer relocation packages that cover the practicalities of a move. Few have yet counted the cost of relocation in human terms.

Dr Tony Munton, of Sheffield University,, researches the effects of relocation on employees and their families and how this is reflected in performance and attitudes towards work. His study for Danbuild, the London property developer, found that when people have a difficult and stressful relocation they become resentful towards the company and are less effective in their job.

"It makes sound financial sense", Dr Munton says, "to adopt relocation policies that are more family-centred. Professional counselling for a family costs £2,000 to £3,000, which is a very small percentage of the overall relocation costs for a company, especially when you compare it with the price of employing and training a replacement."

Employers must establish two-way communication and flexibility to achieve a successful relocation, Dr Munton says. Among his research sample was a manager who had a mother-in-law living at home and needing nursing attention. The man was given time off to house-hunt with his wife in the new location, and he asked whether the money that was allocated for hotel bills could be used instead to provide nursing for the elderly dependant during their absence. The company refused as it was not part of the standard package.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Swings and roundabouts: Geoff Paddock, his wife, Gaynor, and daughter, Sophie, at their new home

"All that was needed was an understanding of the human problems and a flexible approach," Dr Munton says.

Most organisations have a stereotyped picture of the families they are moving: working husband with a non-working or part-time working spouse. The reality is different. In Dr Munton's survey, 15 per cent of the employees were female, most single. Two-thirds of the female partners were working, the majority being professionals.

The issue of a "trailing spouse" who has to follow the partner's career moves has, it seems, been acknowledged by academics and consultants, everybody except the employers themselves.

Emilie Talley, the director of the Expatriate Career Resources consultancy in central London, finds that many employers are not prepared to include counselling for the dual-career couple as part of a standard relocation package. They take the attitude, Mrs Talley says, that if an employee's partner approaches them they will do what they can. Few spouses, however, will ask for help, or even know that there is a service available.

Within ten years, 81 per cent of couples in the United States will be two-career families. Ten years ago, Right Associates, the American management consultant, introduced an assistance scheme to help "trailing spouses" with their own career move. John Woolger, the managing director of the consultancy's UK company, says that in Britain the scheme is usually offered only in individual cases when there is a key member of staff who is reluctant to move because of the partner's career.

The pressures for many women to keep their careers going under normal circumstances are difficult enough. During his research, Dr Munton found that six months after relocating more than half the working women partners still had not found jobs, or had to take downward career moves.

Geoff Paddock, the senior press officer at ICI, relocated from Manchester to the company's head office in London a year ago. His wife, Gaynor, had to give up her job as a community relations officer with British Nuclear Fuels because of the family move to Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. Twelve months later she is still job-hunting.

ICI does not include counselling or advice in its relocation package, and although Mr Paddock feels that in his case it would have been unnecessary, he appreciated the opportunity to get to know his new office and colleagues before the move, and was able to test-run the journey to work. He warns that commuting to London can be a culture shock for anybody who has not done it before.

Dr Munton says families with teenage children may find they have more than the usual problems when they move. Adolescents often form close relationships and find it difficult to make new friends, and the disruption caused by changing schools can be detrimental during exam years.

If a company is relocating, it often moves to an area of low employment, which means that school-leavers will have poor job prospects.

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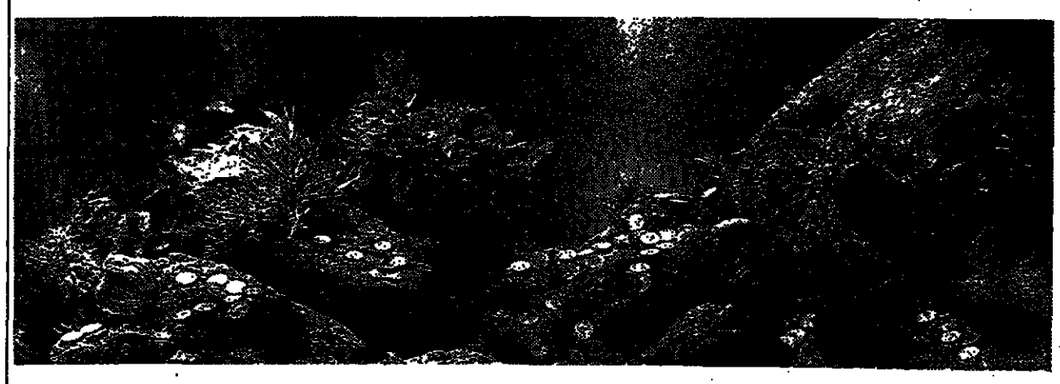
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For a New Wave of Opportunities

In harness with the local community

By Derek Harris

SMALL businesses could soon benefit from a campaign launched this week by Business in the Community (BITC), best known in the small business sector as the umbrella body for local enterprise agencies.

Ideas forged in discussions with many business leaders make up a policy document dedicated to securing greater business involvement in the community during the present decade. The basic notion is to set up business leadership teams in local economic development.

It could mean the developing of an area's potential — and BITC is citing tourism, transport and the support of small businesses among the likely priorities — as well as job creation and environmental improvement.

The teams already have a role model at Blackburn in Lancashire, once a cotton town and now reliant mainly on a variety of manufacturing. The local worry is that manufacturing, under pressure during the recession, is not enough.

The partnership is one of two set up in the wake of efforts by the Prince of Wales to get business to help more in the development of local communities. It has been reformed to weld public sector interests to those of the private sector and interested bodies.

Peter Greenwood, leader of the Labour-dominated Blackburn borough council, is an enthusiastic supporter of the partnership, while big company help has been forthcoming from many including Whitbread, the national brewer, BET's Shorrock, British Steel's Walkersteel, ICI, and Thwaites, a local brewery.

The partnership has been encouraging promotion of Blackburn to attract inward investment. Small industrial units are being established, some as part of a scheme for improving a waterside area on the Leeds-Liverpool canal as it passes through the town.

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Cleaning up on classic lines

By Jo Hobbs

DIRTY, crumbling stonework in the ancient heart of Cambridge gave Nick Sellars, aged 34, the idea of launching Miad Stone Cleaning. Under the slogan "Clean up our heritage", the business has prospered and now Mr Sellars aims to expand in mainland Europe.

Miad, based in Sturton Street, Cambridge, started as a partnership but is now run solely by Mr Sellars. It got off to a slow start and at first he did all the work himself, using only water-based processes because they did less damage than sand-blasting. These days, though, the firm sometimes uses chemicals on brickwork.

"I am always experimenting with new materials," Mr Sellars says. "We will be trying baking soda soon, but it needs some improving." His only advertising is in *Yellow Pages*, for he prefers to rely on personal recommendation. "People know we are professional and we always keep to the given price," he says, "so they are happy to recommend us."

He has worked on several Cambridge buildings, including the chapel of St John's College, and in London, the firm has cleaned up the facades of King's Cross and Liverpool Street stations. A job can take a day or three months, depending on the size of the area to be cleaned. Costs vary from £250 to £50,000; contracts requiring chemicals rather than water tend to be more expensive.

JAMES MORGAN



Looking to the Continent: Nick Sellars (right) thinks Europeans "lack education in stone-cleaning"

Mr Sellars no longer carries out cleaning work himself; he liaises with a foreman on site. Most of his time is spent running the business side of Miad, especially as 1992 approaches. He aims to break into the continental market and is planning to set up an office in Belgium. "In Europe," he declares, "they lack education in stone-cleaning and I intend to fill the gap. Carbon deposits are eating away the stone on thousands of buildings, so something must be done or they'll disappear."

He adds that the firm tries to live up to its slogan "in the most environmentally friendly way possible". Mr Sellars sees Miad's future as being linked to stone masonry. When stone is cleaned, deterioration is exposed and must then be repaired. At the moment, local stonemasons are brought in to repair newly-cleaned buildings, but Mr Sellars hopes to link up with a stonemasonry company, so he can offer a complete restoration service.

BRIEFINGS

Property prices and rents for small businesses will drop over the next quarter, according to valuers questioned by National Westminster Bank in a national survey of the market in small commercial premises. Three-quarters of the valuers reported increasing availability of the sort of commercial properties used primarily by small businesses. The areas most likely to be affected are the Southeast and Northwest. Just over half the valuers expected prices for both freehold and leasehold premises to fall.

☐ Mercury Communications, the Cable and Wireless subsidiary that competes with BT in providing telephone networks, has produced a guide to teleworking that looks at the technology options and factors such as health and safety, insurance, tax and security. A Gallup survey showed that teleworking can be an effective option with an individual working at home with telephone, fax and personal computer. Most common among such workers were freelance professionals like writers and engineers.
More details: Mercury Communications, New Mercury House, 26 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4HQ: 071-528 2000.

☐ A handbook to help those contemplating setting up in business is available free from National Westminster Bank. The *Business Start-up Guide* draws on the experience of the bank's 4,000 small business advisers and covers the initial planning stages.

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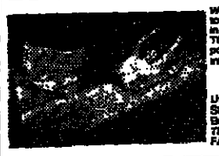
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Drivers make riders uneasy

In International Motor Cycle Show week, Kevin Eason calls for curbs on motorists to ensure better safety for bikers

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Two-wheel targets: careless car drivers are the prime cause of motor-cycling accidents in Britain

A bemused young salesman at his first International Motor Cycle Show this week wondered what kind of customer he would have to deal with. A wearily experienced colleague told him: "You will be surrounded by leather men with a plaster cast on one leg looking for a bike to have their next accident on."

The observation would get a lot of backing from car drivers seized by panic when startled by a weaving dispatch rider who suddenly appears at the nearside wing. The slightest nudge sends a motor cyclist, with no protection other than a leather suit, straight to the casualty ward or, in about 650 cases annually, to the mortuary.

Yet how many accidents are the motor cyclist's fault? According to the motor-cycle industry, the car driver is the lethal weapon that costs the lives of many riders.

A study for the Motorcycle Association of Great Britain discovered that car drivers were to blame in half of all motor-cycling accidents. In 33 per cent of cases motor cyclists lost control of their machines and were themselves to blame. The industry realised that the horrendous level of casualties, many among young men with money to buy high-power motor cycles but with no road experience, could not go on.

Government measures now limit new riders to machines below 125cc, and the industry is welcoming new proposals in the Road Traffic Bill, which stipulates compulsory training for new riders.

Present laws get 17-year-olds off big motor cycles and on to machines that help them to gain roadcraft experience. Many already undergo training as a useful buffer between inexperience and the possibility of a first accident.

If only the government was as quick to restrict the activities of "boy racers" able to buy any high-performance car they want straight from the showroom.

The insurance industry's recent actions should more than convince ministers that GTi owners with more money than common sense are keeping up accident rates and insurance claims by their inexperience at the wheel.

The latest transport department figures show that motor-cycle accidents fell 19 per cent in the second quarter of 1991. This is surely no coincidence, given the new restrictions. But why has the government not been so swift to sort out the men from the boys in cars? The evidence that young drivers are less safe than more mature drivers is irrefutable.

Where is the compulsory training for car drivers or the restrictions on buying high-performance cars until they can prove their ability on the road?

David Dixon, at the Institute of Motorcycling, says: "The proportion of half of accidents attributed to car drivers is too high. It is inevitable that drivers, cocooned in their powerful metal boxes, may not be so aware of other road users. Professional training should also be mandatory for car drivers."

BMW also believes there is a breed of motor cyclist known in the trade as the "born-again biker". Thousands of men started their motoring lives on two wheels before graduating to four, then being handed a company car. Fed up with traffic jams and yearning for something more interesting than the standard box on wheels, many are going back to motor cycles, leading to a huge interest in "retro bikes".

These are models that look as though they could have been designed in the 1950s or 1960s. They attract the interest of the golden oldies who want style that reminds them of days past, but not neck-breaking performance. The oldies may have fun but will have a much better safety record than youngsters, according to BMW.

The German company is therefore offering insurance discounts for riders of its own retro-style motor cycle, the R100R launched this week, knowing it will attract a different kind of rider.

Scott Brownlee, the BMW press relations manager, says: "Not everybody on two wheels is a nutter. These days there is a chance that a motor cyclist is better-trained and more aware of what is going on around him or her."

● *The International Motor Cycle Show is at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, until Sunday. Admission: 10am to 7pm daily; £6 adults, £3 pensioners and children*

For the surfer and family man

ROADTEST

THE bad news about Vauxhall's new Frontera is that it is not a patch on the Land-Rover Discovery, *which leads the market for* go-anywhere vehicles. The good news is that it is about £3,000 cheaper than its British-built rival, *Kevin Eason writes.*

The Luton-built Frontera is not as capable a performer off-road as the Discovery, its cabin is not as luxurious and its style is not so much gentleman farmer as California surfer. However, it is not really trying to compete with the Discovery.

Vauxhall has pitched the Frontera at the leisure market, where buyers want a vehicle to pull a boat without scaling great heights or driving bumper-deep in mud. On that level it works well. The short wheelbase sport version is £12,250, the estate £15,740 and the diesel estate £16,830.

The cabin is a disappointment. Although it is roomy, the window area feels small and the dashboard instrumentation is hopelessly tacky. Chunky light switches stick out like misplaced ears. The driving position, however, is comfortable and commandingly high, and there is enough power to make cruising a pleasure and the odd expedition off the beaten path no problem.

The best of the bunch is the little Sport with the 2-litre, fuel-injected 115bhp engine that goes into the Cavalier. With a top speed of 96mph and a fuel economy figure of 23.3mpg of unleaded around town — a catalytic converter is standard — its appeal is pure fun, suiting young drivers wanting to graduate from the smaller Suzuki Vitara market.

The family driver may want to leap straight to the diesel version over the 2.4-litre petrol-engined estate, which also gives a 96mph top speed but fuel figures in town of 21.3mpg. The diesel version has a 2.3-litre, turbo-charged engine offering 100bhp but fuel economy at 27.5mpg in town.



Go-almost-anywhere: the Frontera is comfortable on outings

ROADWISE

Sentenced to a new test

DRIVERS who commit serious offences will have to sit demanding re-tests early next year. The transport department says motorists convicted of dangerous driving, motor manslaughter and causing death by dangerous driving will have to sit new examinations, twice as long as the normal test and including 22 miles of driving on all roads. The fees will be £47 for car drivers and £57 for motorcyclists on a week day, and £75 and £90 on a Saturday.

Missing Nissans

NISSAN is trying to contact owners of more than 10,000 Sunny models who have not answered an urgent recall. The cars, with D, E and F registration numbers, could be susceptible to cracked fuel tanks, which could be a fire risk. Nissan says the cars affected are three-door hatchbacks, four-door saloons and five-door hatchbacks registered in 1986, 1987 and 1988. Owners should contact their dealers for free checks or repairs.

Cat-ching on

NEARLY twice as many cars equipped with catalytic converters were sold in the first nine months of this year as in the whole of 1990, according to figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Dealers sold 209,720 "cat" cars up to the end of September, compared with 75,500 last year.

Sight drive

DARK nights and heavy rain emphasise the poor vision of many drivers. Police and opticians are joining forces this week to warn motorists to have their eyesight checked. Some police forces will offer roadside checks. The official requirement is to be able to read a licence plate at 20.4m (about 67ft) but many drivers suffer from night myopia, or poor sight in the dark. Drivers should have their eyesight checked if there is the slightest doubt.

Roadside offer

TOP-UK Insurance is offering its own rescue package for roadside assistance and recovery, costing £25 a year. A further £5 buys the option of home service cover. The company says the policy is valid for any car up to 20 years old and represents a substantial challenge to the existing recovery companies, whose annual fees normally cost at least £50. Further information is available from *Top-UK Insurance* on 0727 55551.

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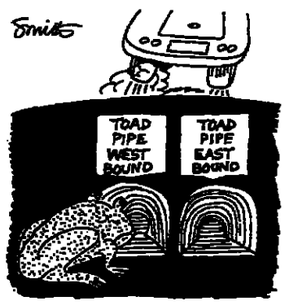
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Rover double

ROVER's Metro and Land-Rover Discovery went on sale for the first time this week in Japan. The Discovery could be a big hit and the Metro will back up the venerable Mini, which, despite its 31 years in production, is the fifth best-selling import in Japan.

Toad in the hole

A COLONY of rare toads has been given its own two-lane highway by considerate engineers in France. Ecologists complained that a new £120 million motorway link between Chambéry and Albertville, the centre for the 1992 winter Olympics, would cut the toads off



from their favourite watering hole, so officials offered to build a toad pipe under the 12-mile road. Unfortunately, it had to be a two-lane highway because the toads refuse to cross one another's paths in the same lane. Apparently, they enjoy the freedom of the toad.

Just priced

THE prices of the new Citroën ZX diesel collection have just been announced. They start at £9,490 for the base 1.9D Reflex and rise to £11,420 for the 1.9D Aura. The new Seat Toledo will go on sale from November 28 with a starting price of £8,999. At the top of the range is the 1.8 16v GTi costing £15,299.

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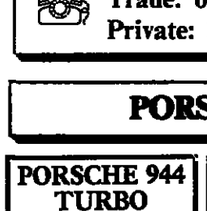
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Similar facts and identification

Regina v McGranaghan

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment October 30]

Where a defendant was charged with three offences and similar fact evidence was adduced to support his identification in relation to the second and third offences, the jury should have been directed to consider whether, disregarding the similar fact evidence, they were sure the defendant had committed the first offence. Only if they were so sure was evidence of similarity admissible to prove that the defendant had committed the other offences.

Further, the fact that the defendant had refused to provide a sample of blood did not mean that scientific evidence should not have been obtained by the prosecution as such evidence would have been relevant to the issue of whether the same man could have committed all the offences.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held in a reserved judgment allowing John McGranaghan's appeal against his conviction at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Lawson and a jury) on July 16, 1981 on 13 counts, including rape and indecent assault. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The case was referred to the Court of Appeal by the Home Secretary under section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 *following the submission of* fresh scientific evidence.

Mr Stephen Batten, QC and Mr Graham Cooke, neither of *whom appeared below*, for the appellant; Miss Ann Curnow, QC and Mr Anthony Leonard, who did not appear below, for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the offences of which the appellant had been convicted involved three separate aggravated burglaries of homes and rapes or grossly indecent assaults on women in *those homes. The appellant had* denied that he had had anything to do with any of the offences.

At trial, the prosecution had been permitted to place before the jury evidence relating to offences against one of the women as probative of the commission by the appellant of the offences against each of the other women.

Indeed, despite the judge's warning to the jury to consider each count separately, the trial seemed to have proceeded on the basis that all three groups of offences were probably committed by one man. The issue was whether it was the appellant.

In the court's view, the judge had been correct in accepting that the similarities in the circumstances and features of all three groups of offences rendered the evidence on one admissible in relation to the others. But the question then arose: admissible for what purpose *and subject to what* safeguards?

Here, the purpose of adducing the similar fact evidence was to support the identification of the appellant by each of the women as her assailant.

In the court's view, where it was sought to adduce such evidence in order to prove that one of two or more offences was committed by the defendant, it could only be admitted if the jury were sure on evidence other than the similar fact evidence that the defendant was guilty of the other offence.

In other words, if the offences were said to be so similar that evidence of one offence was admissible in support of the identification of the defendant as the perpetrator of the second offence, the jury should be directed to consider first whether, disregarding the similarity of the facts, the other evidence was sufficient to make them sure that the defendant committed the first offence.

Only if they were so sure, was evidence of similarity admissible to prove that the defendant committed the second offence. An identification about which the jury were not sure could not support another identification of which they were also not sure, however similar the facts of the two offences might be.

The similar facts went to show that the same man committed both offences, not that the defendant was that man. There had to be some evidence to *make the jury sure* that, on at least one offence, the defendant was that man.

It was possible that the judge's summing-up to the jury might have left them unclear as to the limits within which they could make use of similar fact evidence.

Scientific evidence provided since the trial tended to suggest that, despite all the similarities, one of the offences had not been committed by the same man who had committed the other two offences.

Before the trial, the prosecution had not asked for the scientists who had analysed samples taken from the scenes because they had no sample from the appellant with which to compare the analyses.

The prosecution team apparently failed to appreciate that the scientists' reports might have been, as indeed they were, relevant to the issue of whether one man had committed all the offences.

Had the prosecution team known of the findings the whole prosecution should, and the court believed would have been *differently presented.*

Equally, if the defence, who were aware of the appellant's blood group, had requested copies of any scientific evidence they would have seen that the offences were probably not committed by the same man.

Solicitors: Simons Muirhead & Burton; CPS, Headquarters.

Gaming club can sue on cheques

Crockfords Club Ltd v Mehta

Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

[Judgment October 31]

A licensed gaming club could sue on an underlying loan when third party cheques which had been exchanged for gaming *tokens in accordance with sec*tion 16 of the Gaming Act 1968 were dishonoured.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Prakash Mehta, against the decision of Mr Justice Henry (*The Times* March 20) giving judgment on an Order 14 summons to the plaintiff, Crockfords Club Ltd, for £245,000 plus interest.

Mr Ian Glick, QC and Miss Susanna FitzGerald for the defendant; Mr Nicholas Merriman, QC and Mr Stephen Phillips for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that Crockfords was licensed for gaming and the defendant was a member of the club. On October 4, 1990 he visited the club and obtained tokens to the value of £120,000 by signing cheques drawn on a Panamanian company account. The club obtained confirmation from the bank that the cheques would be met.

The next night the defendant obtained a further £125,000 of tokens with a cheque drawn on the same company account. The *defendant lost the entire sum* and all four cheques were dishonoured.

The plaintiff proceeded *against both Mr Mehta and the* Panamanian company but had failed to serve the company.

Mr Glick argued that section 16(1) prohibited the club making a loan or otherwise providing credit to enable a person taking part in gambling; that under section 16(2) the club could accept a cheque in payment provided it was not postdated and was presented within two days. But there was nothing in section 16(2) to validate the underlying loan.

His Lordship could not accept that argument. The legislative purpose of section 16 was to discourage gaming on credit. Consistent with that objective, Parliament had to allow machinery for lawful gaming otherwise those taking part would have to bring their own cash.

Provided that the cheques met the requirements in section 16(2) and (3), the exchange of tokens for cheques did not contravene section 16(1). The error in Mr Glick's argument was to treat section 16(2) as if it *only validated the cheque when* in truth it validated the whole transaction.

There was no difference between *the normal case where the* cheque given in exchange for tokens was drawn on the member's account and the present case where the cheque was drawn on a company's account. Mr Glick accepted that section 16(1) applied equally.

If, therefore, the underlying transaction was a contract of loan, which was conceded below, then it was enforceable. The plaintiff was not obliged to pursue the remedy on the cheque. *It could sue the* member.

In the Court of Appeal, Mr Glick advanced a new argument that there never was any contract of loan at all, and that accordingly there was nothing the club could enforce against the member. He submitted that Parliament had created a new species of transaction which owed nothing to the previous law and did not presuppose an underlying loan.

Mr Glick conceded that the acceptance of the cheque amounted to credit until the cheque was met but he contended that that credit was given to the account holder and not the member. If the cheques were dishonoured the only remedy afforded by Parliament was an action on the cheque.

His Lordship could not accept that argument. He could see no reason why Parliament should have created a novel transaction and there was nothing in section 16 to suggest that it had.

The only authority which lent any semblance of support for that contention was Lord Fraser in *Cumming v Mackie* (1973 SLT 242) when he said: "Clearly the provision of money against a post-dated cheque might amount, in substance, to lending money, but the implication of the section seems to be that the granting of money against a cheque which is not post-dated is not giving credit or making a loan."

However, that observation was expressly disapproved by Lord Justice Ackner in *R v Knightsbridge Crown Court, Ex parte Marcrest Properties Ltd* ([1983] 1 WLR 300, 310) where he said: "The implication appears to us to be quite clear, that *the giving of a cheque* which does not comply with the conditions laid down in section 16(2), results in the lawful grant *of credit.*"

Mr Glick pointed out that Lord Justice Ackner referred to the giving of credit and not the making of a loan but in his Lordship's opinion Lord Justice Ackner did not intend to draw any such distinction.

Finally, Mr Glick referred to the recent House of Lords decision in *Lipkin Gorman v Karpnale Ltd* (*The Times* June 7; [1991] 3 WLR 10). No question of *section 16* arose there and the facts were so far remote that his Lordship could derive no assistance from it.

Lord Justice Stocker agreed and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mullinger Banks, East Ham; Lovell White Durrant.

Relevant date for sentencing young offender

Regina v Danga

Before Lord Justice Watkins, *Mr Justice Rougier and Mr* Justice May

[Judgment October 17]

*When sentencing young offend*ers in accordance with Part I of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, as amended by section 123 of *the Criminal Justice Act 1988, it* was the date of conviction that was relevant when deciding the age of the offender.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Harbeer Singh Danga against concurrent sentences of nine months imprisonment for the fraudulent retention of a postal packet and handling stolen goods and a further three months imprisonment consecutive for assault occasioning actual bodily harm, imposed at Acton Crown Court by Judge Myrella Cohen on August 27, 1991. A sentence of 12 months detention in a young offenders institute was substituted.

Mr Simon Farrell, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

MR JUSTICE MAY said the appellant had been convicted on August 6, 1991, of the fraudulent retention of a postal packet and handling stolen goods. As he was under 21 he was remanded in custody while social enquiry and community service reports were prepared.

On August 19 he pleaded guilty to one count of a further indictment, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, and the matter was again put back. He was sentenced on August 27, three days after his twenty-first birthday.

The issue was canvassed as to whether he should be sentenced as a man over 21. The judge concluded that he should be so sentenced and accordingly imposed a total sentence of 12 months.

The court had seen no directly relevant authority on the question but as a matter of statutory construction, for the purpose of sentence, the age of the offender was his age at the date of conviction or when the plea of guilty was made.

However, although there were several practical differences, for instance there was no power to suspend a period of detention in a young offenders institute, the broad conceptual approach of the court did not undergo a fundamental change simply because the offender had passed his twenty-first birthday. A slightly older offender was likely to receive much the same punishment and the court would take account of the criteria in Part I of the 1982 Act, as amended, even though it was not in terms bound so to do.

Special reasons for overriding rules

Wilkinson v Telephone Information Services plc

Although the practice in the Chancery Division had traditionally permitted any application, which could be made by summons to a master, alternatively to be made directly to a judge by way of motion, and still might so be made even if the Rules of the Supreme Court specifically require the former, before those rules could be so overriden there had to exist exceptional circumstances related to the nature of the order being sought.

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division on October 21, in refusing to entertain motions for summary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, rule 2 of which provided that "an application under rule 1 must be made by summons . . .", sought before him by (i) the plaintiff, Grant Cameron Wilkinson, in respect of a claim for damages for his allegedly wrongful dismissal by the defendant, Telephone Information Services plc, and (ii) by that defendant, in respect of a counterclaim against the plaintiff and Telephone Information Services (Holdings) plc.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was unfair on the general body of litigants for the queue to be jumped in that way, save in the very exceptional case where the nature of the relief sought, for example, an injunction, was such that only a judge could grant it.

He therefore directed that both motions should be referred to chambers as summonses to a master.

Child care is not fostering

Regina v Lewisham London Borough Council, Ex parte Creppy

Where a couple placed their children with a carer on an informal basis while they were temporarily abroad, the local authority was not entitled to conclude on their subsequent application for housing that the children were with foster parents indefinitely so that the family were not in priority need of accommodation.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice *Leggatt) so held on October 17* granting Mr Creppy's renewed application for leave to appeal and quashing the decision of *Lewisham Borough Council* that the applicant was not in priority need of housing pursuant to section 59(1)(b) of the *Housing Act 1985.*

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that there was no formal care order, the children remaining *with the carer on an infor*mal basis. The couple wanted the family to be together and the authority's conclusions were *plainly inaccurate and without* justification.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the case *illustrated the value of Citizens'* Advice Bureaux. The parents had consulted the bureau which had written twice to the authority setting out the situation wholly accurately, and identifying the point on which the decision was now being quashed. It was a pity the authority had not given the letters more careful consideration.

Language allowance is pensionable

Regina v Minister for the Civil Service, Ex parte Lane

Foreign language allowances paid to members of the Diplomatic Service were additional emoluments paid for extra responsibility and were therefore pensionable emoluments under the Civil Service Pension Scheme 1974.

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in the Queen's Bench Division on October 14 in granting an application for judicial review of a decision of the Minister for the Civil Service and declaring that the foreign language allowances paid to the applicant, Mr D. N. Lane, were pensionable.

Committal for sentence

Regina v Doncaster Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte Goulding

Where a defendant on a charge triable either way had been convicted before justices rather than on indictment and was committed to the crown court for sentence, then the new facts about his character and antecedents justifying such a committal could be anything reflecting on his character, including the circumstances of the offence, providing those facts were not known to the bench who decided to try the case summarily.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice McCullough) so held on October 24 when refusing the application of Anthony Goulding for judicial review of the decision of the Doncaster Stipendiary Magistrate on February 25, 1991 to commit him to the crown court for sentence after pleas of guilty to charges of possession of a class A drug and possession with intent to supply.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that section 38 of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980 allowed for the committal of a convicted defendant to the crown court where information concerning his character or antecedents led the magistrates court to the opinion that greater punishment than they were empowered to impose was required.

The cases of *R v Vallett* ([1950] 34 Cr App R 351), *R v Kings Lynn Justices, Ex parte Carter* ([1969] 1 QB 488) and *R v Lymm Justices, Ex parte Brown* ([1973] 1 WLR 1039) were taken by the court to have decided the meaning of "character and antecedents" in section 38 of the 1980 Act.

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GOLF

Faldo leads the way as England set a hot pace

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, ROME

NICK Faldo provided England with a wonderful start in the World Cup of Golf, sponsored by Philip Morris, when he compiled a first round of 68 on the Le Querce course here yesterday. It was the perfect response to criticism of his performances in recent team events. With Steven Richardson scoring 69, England, at seven under par, are a stroke ahead of Germany.

Faldo seemed as relaxed on the course as he has been at any time this year but besmirched his effort with a display of ungentlemanly conduct in the press office, where his use of bad language did little for his reputation.

I, for one, see little point in dwelling on the incident although it would appear by the manner in which he berated a press-room colleague that he is still angered by the inference that he was the man who let the side down at Kiawah Island.

Faldo, however, has a clear opportunity in this competition, in which he is appearing for the first time since 1977, to put behind him any disappointment he feels about the Ryder Cup and the Dunhill Cup.

In that respect he could not have made a better start as his 68 equalled the best score of the day. He gathered four birdies and rarely looked like dropping a shot.

Faldo began with a birdie at the 1st where he hit a nine-iron to three feet, although his best shot in an outward half of 34 was the six-iron he struck to within one foot of the hole at the 9th. He went on to hole from 12 feet at the 10th and pitched close for his other birdie at the 14th.

Richardson made his five birdies in eight holes from the 4th, although he took three putts at the second hole and he hit a three-iron into a bunker to drop his other shot at the 17th.

Faldo believes that it might be best to maintain a rivalry with Richardson this week, although he stressed that this is for England's good. "If we try to beat each other then we could finish first and second and that way we know England would be the winners," Faldo said. "The team event is the main event even if there is an individual prize."

Bernhard Langer and Torsten Giedeon, who won the World Cup for Germany in Florida last year, each began with a 69 despite both taking six at the 18th.

Giedeon, 160th in the 1991 Volvo Order of Merit, certainly benefited from Langer's reading of the greens. He said: "I read my putt from six feet for a par at the first as being outside the right lip. Bernhard said it was left centre which is where I hit the ball and it went straight in. Then at the 2nd, from 25 feet, I thought that it was a left edge putt but Bernhard said to hit it three balls outside the left edge. It went in!" These two putts set a pattern that was to become familiar.

Severiano Ballesteros emulated Faldo in scoring 68 so that although Jose Rivero (73) had little fortune on the greens, Spain still finished in third place on 141, one ahead of Wales, for whom Ian Woosnam had five birdies in a 70. Sam Torrance (71) and Colin Montgomerie (73) had only five birdies between them so that Scotland finished on 144.

Wayne Levi, of the United States, was given a two-stroke penalty for taking incorrect relief – preferred lies were in operation – at the fifth hole.

FIRST ROUND SCORES

137: England (S Richardson 69, N Faldo 68). 138: Germany (B Langer 69, T Giedeon 69) 141: Spain (S Ballesteros 68, J Rivero 73). 142: Denmark (A Sorensen 69, J Rasmussen 73); Wales (I Woosnam 70, P Price 72); Japan (N Sonzawa 69, S Higashi 73); Sweden (A Forsbrand 73, P-U Johansson 69) 143: Korea (Choi Sang-ho 74, Park Nam-sin 69); Switzerland (A Bossert 71, P Quirici 72).

144: Scotland (C Montgomerie 73, S Torrance 71); Canada (D Barr 72, D Halldorson 72); Argentina (E Romero 70, R Alvarez 74). 146: New Zealand (G Turner 73, F Nobilo 73); France (M Farry 74, J Van de Velde 72). 147: Netherlands (C Van der Velde 73, W Swart 74), Ireland (R Rafferty 76, E Darcy 71); United States (W Levi 72, J Sindelar 75) 148: Norway (P Hanegrund 72, G Midhvage 76). 150: Philippines (A Fernando 73, M Siodina 77). Australia (R Davis 74, M Harwood 76); Mexico (R Alarcon 77, C Espinosa 73); Italy (C Rocca 72, G Call 78). 151: Paraguay (J Murdoch 75, A Gimenez 76).

152: Finland (M Pitz 74, A Kankkonen 78). 154: Colombia (I Rengifo 75, E Arevalo 79); Zimbabwe (T Price 82, W Koen 72). 156: Malaysia (M Ramayah 78, I Mohd Yusof 77). 158: Austria (O Gartenmaier 78, M Burger 78). 158: Portugal (Daniel Silva 75, David Silva 83) 159: Venezuela (F Alvarado 81, R Munoz 78) 164: Brazil (R Navarro 84, J Cortez 80). 165: Belgium (M Van Mearbeek 87, O Buysse 78).

LEADING INDIVIDUAL SCORES: 68: S Ballesteros (Sp), N Faldo (Eng). 69: Park Nam-sin (Korea), A Sorensen (Den), N Sonzawa (Japan), S Richardson (Eng), B Langer (Ger), T Giedeon (Ger), P-U Johansson (Swe). 70: I Woosnam (Wales), E Romero (Arg) 71: A Bossert (Switz), S Torrance (Scot), E Darcy (Ire)


JAMES BARNHAM

Plain sailing: Baker is hoping to make an impact on the world's leading boardsailers when he competes in Maui this weekend

Baker breezes into world reckoning

By BARRY PICKTHALL

AMID the tunnelled crests and breaking surf of Hook Piper Beach, Maui, this weekend, Nik Baker, aged 20, from Shoreham, West Sussex, has high hopes of becoming the first Briton to break into the top echelons of professional boardsailing.

Baker has been competing on the world circuit for just a few months, but after finishing ninth at the Dutch championship last week, has flown to Hawaii to face the sport's best competitors in the deciding round of the professional boardsailing world championship.

"He's the hottest prospect Britain has had in years," Cliff Webb, one of the professional tour organisers, said. "Given the right equipment, Nik will soon figure in the world top-ten rankings. He has the talent and will to win. He doesn't make too many mistakes and is rapidly learning the tricks to top-class competition."

Webb believes that Baker, given the necessary sponsorship, will become a key player on the tour. Bjoern Dunkerbeck, the world champion from Spain, who has secured his No. 1 spot even before the finals start, has won $120,000 (about £70,000) in 1991 and earned a further $450,000 (about £260,000) from sponsorship and product endorsements.

Baker, who was introduced to the sport during a Greek holiday eight years ago, has been practising the finer points of the sport off Shoreham Beach ever since.

"It is a difficult sport to break into because you have to be invited to the competitions, and invitations are normally based on rankings," Baker said.

However, with good results at the Tenerife championships earlier this year and top-ten placings in the wave jumping and racing disciplines at the Dutch championships last week, a good result in Hawaii could lift Baker among the leading 20 for the first time. "This week will be a great experience for me," he said.

RACING

Dettori enjoys perfect send-off

SECOND Set's connections received a timely boost for tomorrow's Breeders' Cup Mile when She's Pleased made a highly impressive debut at Newmarket yesterday.

The Storm Bird filly, carrying the blue and yellow colours of Richard Duchossois, was expected to need the run in the Terrace House Maiden Stakes and went off at 10-1.

But an impressive burst took her around the field in a matter of strides before she quickened again to beat Bunty Boo by three-and-a-half lengths.

For Frankie Dettori, who has high hopes he will be wearing the same silks in the winner's enclosure at Churchill Downs, it was the perfect send-off on the eve of his departure for the United States.

Dettori struck again in the Burrough Green Handicap when Pytchley Night lasted home by a head from Foolish Touch with Kimberley Park the same margin away third.

The 12-1 winner runs in the name of Henry Cecil's chief work-rider John Higgins, who describes him as his "third lot" after completing duties at Warren Place.

This was the third occasion the four-year-old, who is handled by the former Cecil lad Dave Morris, has obliged since Higgins joined Northamptonshire hotelier Jim Demetri in partnership, but the first time at his local track.

The stewards took a dim view of Willie Ryan's performance on the Alex Whiting-trained Languedoc, who finished seventeenth of 19 after being held up and then tenderly ridden in the closing stages. They fined him £300 for failing to obtain the best possible placing.

Ray Cochrane reached his century for the fifth successive year when Navarra collected the Queensberry House Maiden Stakes from Sauvignon.

Lilian Bayliss struck the right note in the Murless Stakes, getting the better of the favourite King Athelstan after a prolonged tussle.

The 11-4 scorer, in receipt of 13lbs from the runner-up, will now embark on a stud career for owner Robert Sangster.

Stoute went on to complete a double with improving stayer Hawait Al Barr in the George Stubbs Stakes.

Paul Eddery's partner was in her element when stamina came fully into play at the end of this two-mile listed test, pulling away by a length and a half from Endoli.

☐ The apprentice rider Antoinette Armes broke both her ankles over Newmarket when Bijou Princess jinked and fell during the Queensberry House Maiden Stakes.

Beech Road to tackle fences again

THE former champion hurdler Beech Road embarks on a second attempt to make the grade as a chaser.

The nine-year-old has not tackled fences since taking a crashing last-flight fall from a novice event at Cheltenham in 1989, the year he went on to cause a 50-1 festival upset.

But with reigning champion hurdler Morley Street and the useful Forest Sun, now back in training at Toby Balding's Whitcombe base, connections believe Beech Road is now ready to adapt to the bigger obstacles.

He is one of seven entered in next Tuesday's Plymouth Gin Haldon Gold Challenge Cup Chase, where he is set to take on Sabin Du Loir, Waterloo Boy and Young Snugfit.

Balding's assistant Jonathan Geake, whose father Tony owns Beech Road, said yesterday: "Devon has nice fences, the course will suit him and the race is sure to be run at a good gallop. They are all good jumpers and the plan is to run.

"We have schooled him here and he has been very impressive. He is very exuberant, and he has still got a lot to learn, but there is only so much we can do with him at home."

☐ Peplum finished fourth behind La Tritona in the £20,367 Prix de Flore at Saint-Cloud yesterday. Elfaslah was fifth and You Know The Rules a distant ninth of the 11 runners.

SWIMMING

Intense competition begins for Barcelona aspirants

By CRAIG LORD

THE first leg of the British grand prix in Cumbernauld next weekend signals the start of the pre-Olympic season. Some dead wood will be cleared over the next few months but some mighty oaks have already been judged worthy of conservation.

Pre-selection ensures tickets to Barcelona for Adrian Moorhouse, the defending champion at 100 metres breaststroke, and Nick Gillingham, the European champion at 200 metres.

However, the arrival of such rapidly-improving breaststroke talent as Richard Maden questions whether pre-selection is justifiable, given its negative effect on those who still face eight months of hard training, combined with a British grand prix and World Cup series.

Sudden-death Olympic trials, will be held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, from May 21-24 when nearly all the races will pit youth against experience, a healthy state of affairs which should ensure Britain fields an exciting team.

It is a pity that the same principles have not been applied to the coaching staff. Two of the senior coaches already selected for the Games have no swimmers on the national team. What better incentive to produce top swimmers than for the Great Britain federation to reward success?

Such questions are just starting to be asked, at least at the England level, where a management committee of seven is ensuring much faster decision making. A superb funding scheme for elite athletes has been created and the Amateur Swimming Association has played a key role in the struggle to make the teaching of swimming compulsory in schools.

This week, some are lamenting the Sports Council's decision not to fund the Great Britain federation's planned post of national performance director. But, given the need to review the cluttered job descriptions of the first directors of swimming for England and Scotland, many privately believe the decision to be a wise one.

The replacement of Derek Stubbs as director for England next summer will be no easy task. To then find someone to take on an even higher role, the merits of which are doubtful, would be all but impossible.

☐ The 1992 European junior championships have been switched from Split to Leeds.

NETBALL

Financial hopes suffer setbacks

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE All England Netball Association's (AENA) hopes of yielding rich financial dividends the international against the West Indies at Wembley tomorrow have suffered on two fronts. Not only has the game failed to attract a sponsor, but the 3pm start clashes with England's televised attempt to win the Rugby World Cup.

Liz Nicholl, the AENA chief executive, is astounded that the event, which is to be shown by the BBC's *Grandstand*, has no sponsor. "It would be lovely if someone stepped in before the match," she said. "In the past, television exposure has virtually guaranteed sponsorship, but the recession seems to have put paid to that. I talked to a few potential backers, but discussions never got beyond the preliminary stage.

"Although our internationals against the West Indies in Gateshead on Wednesday night [to be televised on the BBC's *Sport on Friday*] and in Sheffield a week on Saturday [due to be broadcast on *Grandstand*] are already sell-outs, Wembley have told us that ticket sales for this Saturday are disappointing."

The irony is that the London fixture was originally due to be played on another Saturday, at the London Arena. But, with the Docklands venue owing AENA money from crowd receipts at a netball international last year, Nicholl was forced to switch locations.

"This was the only Saturday the Wembley Arena was free, probably because everyone else was avoiding clashing with the Rugby World Cup final," she said.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Moriarty is in line for international double

By KEITH MACKLIN

TWO surprising selections have been made by Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, in his squad of 19 for the British Coal international against Papua New Guinea at Wigan on Saturday week in the form of Michael Jackson, the back-row forward, and Paul Moriarty, the former Wales rugby union international.

Jackson, who was playing for Hunslet in the second division a month ago, gets a remarkably quick call-up on the strength of displays with Wakefield Trinity, whom he joined for £70,000.

Moriarty, who feared his career might be over following a fractured knee, is on the threshold of becoming an international in both codes. He has been plagued with injuries since he joined Widnes from Swansea and when he returned from the knee injury, at the end of last season, played just three matches as substitute for the club.

However, his performances this season culminated in selection for the revived Wales side, which beat Papua New Guinea 68-0 at Swansea last Sunday.

There are two other newcomers. Gary Connolly, the St Helens back, who made an emergency transition from full back to centre when Paul Loughlin was injured, follows up his appearance with the under-21s at Leeds on Wednesday. The fourth newcomer is another hitherto unlucky player, the St Helens wing, Anthony Sullivan, who was chosen for the 1990 tour but was flown home after breaking down in training. He is the only specialist wing in the squad.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: Backs: G Connolly (St Helens), J Davies (Widnes), S Edwards (Wigan), K Ellis (Warrington), D Fox (Featherstone Rovers), S Hampson (Wigan), P Newlove (Featherstone), D Powell (Sheffield Eagles), G Schofield (Leeds), A Sullivan (St Helens). Forwards: D Betts (Wigan), M Dermott (Wigan), K Fairbank (Bradford Northern), E Hanley (Leeds, captain), K Harrison (Halifax), M Jackson (Wakefield Trinity), P Moriarty (Widnes), A Platt (Wigan), K Skerrett (Wigan)

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Meteorites carry banner

By JANE WYATT

THE Liverpool Meteorites are celebrating the start of the wheelchair basketball season by becoming the first junior team from Europe to compete in a leading competition in North America. The Meteorites, the British Sports Association for the Disabled (BSAD) junior champions, have been asked to represent Britain at the Pillsbury invitation youth international tournament in Minneapolis.

The 11 members of the squad, aged 15 to 19, fly out to Minneapolis next Monday for training before the competition the following weekend. Tom Parry, the team manager, has been putting his squad through extra sessions to prepare them.

New sponsorship is responsible for making this trip possible. Until now, their travelling has been restricted to the United Kingdom, all paid for out of the Meteorites own fund-raising efforts. Pillsbury is an American subsidiary of Grand Metropolitan, who are footing the bill for the Meteorites' kit, accommodation and flight.

The team is captained by Neil Ross, aged 19, from Greater Manchester, who is also a coach, referee and member of the United Kingdom senior team. Only two members are female, Sue Conroy, who is 19 and Rachel Lee, aged 18. Another United Kingdom international, Ian Cameron, will accompany the team as a coach.

Shortly after their return from the United States the team will defend its BSAD United Kingdom title in the junior championships at Stoke Mandeville from November 23 to 24.

The sport is growing in popularity with young people, according to Gordon Perry, the development officer of the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Previously, most players took up the game after traumatic injury sustained between the ages of 20 and 25. By the time they were active again and had developed an ability at the sport, they were often nearly 30. Now, people with congenital disabilities are showing an interest, which means they are starting to play much earlier.

SQUASH RACKETS

Parke drops to reserve for world team event

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE strength of the English game is such that the squad selected yesterday for the world team championship in Helsinki, from November 12 to 17, excludes Simon Parke, the England No. 1, Paul Gregory, the national champion, and Bryan Beeson, the previous captain.

Fulfilling a commitment to chose on form, the selectors have named Del Harris, Peter Marshall, Jason Nicoll and Chris Walker in their squad.

Parke, aged 19, the junior world champion, had been presumed to be assured of selection, along with Harris and Marshall, who reached the US Open semi-finals two weeks ago.

Parke, controversially selected as the youngest English international for the last world team championship, in Singapore two years ago, fully justified that faith in the run to third place behind Australia and Pakistan.

"But his form has dropped away in recent weeks on the international circuit," Jonah Barrington, the England team coach, said. "Other players have forced their way into contention and even Simon accepts the justice of the situation. He is our first reserve."

ENGLAND SQUAD: D Harris (Essex); P Marshall (Leicestershire); J Nicolls (Hampshire); C Walker (Essex)

Timing's bitter blow fails to leave a mark on Le Roux

By KEITH BLACKMORE

WHEN South Africa take the field at the Sydney Cricket Ground in the World Cup on February 26, more than two decades of exile for its cricketers will end. For some, like Jimmy Cook and perhaps Clive Rice, the return to the world stage will have come just in time. For others, like Garth Le Roux, it will have arrived too late.

Le Roux might have been a great Test match fast bowler in another time but his first-class career, which lasted from 1975 to December 1989, fell squarely into the period of South Africa's exclusion from international cricket.

In each of his 13 years with Western Province, his team won at least one of the three important domestic trophies. For Sussex, from 1978 to 1987, he formed, with Imran Khan, as good a new-ball partnership as was to be found in county cricket. In 1981 he helped the county to within a point of the championship.

In 1979 he was briefly banned from the county game for joining Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket. That was as close as Le Roux would get to international cricket, although he did play for South Africa in seven series against unofficial touring teams between 1981 and 1986.

Eighteen months ago, the years of pounding down a 25-pace run-up finally proved too much for his 6ft 3in frame. At 34, he had had enough. "Sometimes, I would wake up and hurt all over," he recalls. "My wife would have to push me out of bed. I thought: why sully my memories by playing when I am not enjoying it?"

Had he known how soon South Africa was to be re-admitted to international circles, he admits he might have waited. "Strangely enough, though, I don't feel any resentment. I am 36 and to be a new-ball bowler you have to be 25 or 26, like Allan Donald. The timing just wasn't right for me. My generation of cricketers could not foresee even the possibility that we would be allowed back."

Like many, Le Roux believes that the World Cup will be the ideal reintroduction for players familiar with one-day cricket but starved of the five-day variety. He expects several to shine. Apart from Cook, Rice, Donald and Kuiper, who have excelled in England, he believes Transvaal's opening bowlers, Steven Jack and Richard Snell, are likely to catch the eye.

But his own career has taken him to a different game. After working in real estate under his captain at Western Province, Lawrence Seeff, Le Roux has become the director of sales and marketing at the Fancourt Hotel and Country Club, which opened last month amid the spectacular scenery of the Garden Route on South Africa's south coast.

He, his wife, Tina, and baby daughter live on the estate of a golf complex, which is itself testimony to a new sporting optimism in South Africa. Built at a cost of nearly £60 million, with a 27-hole golf course designed and supervised by Gary Player, Fancourt will hold its first professional event, the Fancourt Hall of Fame tournament, in December.

No more than an occasional golfer 18 months ago, Le Roux now plays off a handicap of seven. It will come as no surprise to those who can recall his prodigious hitting at Hove to hear that he frequently drives the ball 300 yards and more.

If the social changes that have been promised in South Africa are not widely evident, Le Roux counters: "The changes that have been made have stunned me. They could not be made any faster if sanity is to prevail here." Nor is he bitter about his missed chances. "My time has passed. Good luck to the next man."

☐ *Fancourt is part of the itinerary on golfing trips to South Africa arranged by Into Africa (contact: Carrier South Africa Plus: 0625 583210).*


CHRIS TURVEY

Sporting sort: Le Roux has gone from green cricket wickets to the putting greens

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Mohican Girl to bow out in style

MOHICAN Girl, from James Fanshawe's successful local yard, appeals as a sporting bet to win the listed James Seymour Stakes at Newmarket today with Michael Roberts in the saddle.

An indication of the esteem in which the daughter of Dancing Brave is held can be measured by the knowledge that the original intention was to go for the group two Sun Chariot Stakes over the same course and distance four weeks ago.

Unfortunately, a bruised foot put paid to that plan and Mohican Girl ran instead in the Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot a week later.

While it was obviously disappointing to see her beat only one home that day, it is probable that she was not cherry ripe again after her setback.

In the circumstances the decision to persevere and have

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one more crack before retiring to the paddocks is of no little significance, more especially since today's race represents a drop in class.

Earlier this year, Mohican Girl looked pretty useful when finishing an unlucky second to Ocean Air at Newbury in between winning twice at Sandown. On her debut she comfortably accounted for Finance Dancer, who has turned out to be a good filly and I think that she will be hard to beat in this company if she can stage a repeat performance.

For Aptakisic this represents a step up after winning a maiden at York and a handicap over today's course and distance with only 8st 10lb on his back. So Heart Of Darkness could well turn out to be Mohican Girl's principal rival. He had Contessa four places behind when chasing Susurration home on today's track a fortnight ago.

The David Elsworth-trained **Bold Memory** ran well enough the same afternoon in the race won by Yousefia to suggest that he can now win the EBF Red Lodge Maiden Stakes at the expense of Julie Cecil's promising newcomer Mr Flood.

Ajib, my selection for the Soham House Stakes, showed that he possesses the requisite stamina to cope with today's stiff straight mile by winning at York last time in the hands of Darryll Holland, the season's leading apprentice.

Holland can go on to land a double by also landing the Fitzroy House Handicap on **Llangollen**.

The feeling persists that this quite useful daughter of Caerleon will relish the rain



Fanshawe: easier task for Mohican Girl

which has fallen at Newmarket during the last 48 hours more than Kiveton Kabooz, who beat her by a neck over today's course and distance last time out.

Having been caught on the line a fortnight ago at the end of six furlongs, Peerage Prince should relish the shorter distance of the Potter Nursery.

At Wetherby, I very much like the look of **Icarus's** chance of winning the Angram Novices' Chase following that successful chasing debut on this same Yorkshire course earlier this month.

He's my nap to become the second leg of a double there for the local trainer Peter Easterby, who can also capture the EBF Novices' Hurdle qualifier with the promising **Paperwork Boy**.

Easterby can also hit the bullseye at Bangor with Elder Prince (2.20), another who looks the type to do well over fences following a good campaign last season over hurdles.

Finally, **Living Image**, who had quite decent form on the Flat, can make a successful jumping debut in the Ruthin Juvenile Novices' Hurdle.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.45 Llangollen. 3.15 Benga Tiger

Impressive Arazi spin wins local admiration

From RICHARD EVANS IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

BRUCE Headley, resplendent in a luminous green baseball cap, used his fist to crunch a wasp that had been bothering him, threw it to the ground outside barn 45, and turned his mind to Arazi.

The Californian trainer, born 57 years ago next to Santa Anita Park racetrack, has more than a passing interest in Europe's top two-year-old because he trains Bertrando, America's hottest juvenile.

The claim to the title of world best will be effectively decided here tomorrow when the pair fight it out in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

"I watched Arazi train. He's a very good looking horse. He travels very low to the ground and is well balanced. It is unfortunate he drew the 14 stall — that's a killer. If he wins from there, he has got to be the greatest two-year-old of all time," Headley said yesterday.

The task he faces can only be compared to that of an athlete in a 200-metre race running in the outside lane and being deprived of the usual staggered start. If there is a jockey in the world who can overcome the outside draw it is Pat Valenzuela "the greatest gate jockey we have known" according to Headley.

"Substance abuse problems," to quote from his biographical details, have hindered Valenzuela's career, leading to several suspensions. Yesterday he suffered a different kind of fall when he teamed up with Arazi for the first time. Francois Boutin's colt whipped round as he walked out on to the track and dumped the rider on the dirt.

It was only a temporary hiccup. After a gentle six-furlong spin, the rider returned whooping. "Absolutely beautiful. He's a running son of a gun."

The fastest Stateside gateman also seemed unconcerned about the draw. "I don't feel it has that much effect. He doesn't have horses on the outside so we should be able to make a clean break. He is very versatile and I will try and save ground going into the first turn."

Francois Boutin was more circumspect — to start with. "I would have prefered to have had a middle draw but it is not catastrophic."

In the land of the free, anyone has a view on everything. Travel round the 48 green-tiled barns which house 1,300 horses at the world-famous home of the Kentucky Derby, and you quickly discover trainers and jockeys speaking with a refreshing, almost disconcerting, openess.

Boutin has clearly adapted to the new conditions. One bombshell followed another. The final decision to run in the Breeders' Cup had been taken by Paulson, he said. Did that mean the French trainer was not keen to run?

With his American wife, Lucy, interpreting, he said: "I would have preferred not to run him anymore and, instead, put him away for the winter so as to give him more of a chance as a three-year-old."

I wonder what Sheikh Mohammed and his entourage will make of that? Or what followed.

There has been intense speculation as to Arazi's programme next year. Paulson indicated yesterday the Kentucky Derby, which clashes with the English 2,000 Guineas, is the preferred option if he runs well on dirt tomorrow.

If Sheikh Mohammed disagrees, Boutin will arbitrate, according to Paulson. Asked if Arazi would run at Newmarket next May, Boutin said: "I don't think he will ever run at Newmarket. He will go for the French Guineas if he stays in Europe."

Delighted representatives from Messrs Coral and William Hill deleted the colt from their ante-post lists and celebrated their first big winner of the 1992 Flat season.

In Excess won three races with Bill O'Gorman, but never threatened to win top honours. Tomorrow, he will be among the favourites to beat Shadayid, Second Set and Polar Falcon to win the Breeders' Cup Mile.

The remarkable transformation from also-ran to top miler followed the move of the horse to the United States last year. Bruce Jackson, his new trainer, said yesterday: "I think Bill always thought he was a good horse, but mentally he could not handle all the travelling around. Bill thought he was the kind of horse who could win the Breeders' Cup Mile."

Since growing up, In Excess has taken American racing by storm, having won his last four starts, all grade one races. When all the shouting and cheering ends at teatime tomorrow, In Excess may be the nearest thing to a domestic winner.

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.10 Bold Memory.	1.10 Ajo.	1.45 Ajib.
1.40 Ajib.	1.40 Ajib.	2.45 KAYTAK (nap).
2.10 Mohican Girl.	2.10 Heart Of Darkness.	
2.45 Llangollen.	2.45 Ambassador Royale.	
3.15 Genuine Lady.	3.15 Genuine Lady.	
3.45 Peerage Prince.	3.45 Freddie Lloyd.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.40 Ajib. 2.10 APTAKISIC (nap). 3.45 Isdar.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 GENUINE LADY.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

1.10 EBF RED LODGE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,655: 6f) (7 runners)

101	(1)		AJO (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	R Cochrane	—
102	(2)	20	BEWARE OF AGENTS 22 (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 9-0	R P Elliott	● 99
103	(6)	0	BOLD MEMORY 14 (D Price) D Elsworth 9-0	J Williams	88
104	(7)		MOULAAF (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0	B Raymond	—
105	(4)		MR FLOOD (J Stone) Mrs J Cecil 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
106	(3)	00	SCARBOROUGH HILL 15 (J Ellis) M Tompkins 9-0	C Hodgson (5)	—
107	(5)		VENTURE CAPITALIST (D Harris) R Hannon 9-0	J Reid	—

BETTING: 13-8 Ajo, 3-1 Moulaaf, 9-2 Bold Memory, 6-1 Beware Of Agents, 10-1 Mr Flood, 12-1 Venture Capitalist, 33-1 Scarborough Hill

1990: VOLKSRAAD 9-0 S Cauthen (4-7 fav) H Cecil 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

AJO (foaled Mar 17) three-parts brother to Derby winner Secreto, dam half-sister to French Derby winner Carecolero. BEWARE OF AGENTS 12l 11th of 23 to Prince Emilio in Haydock (6f, good to soft) maiden; previously 9¼l 2nd of 7 to Najab to Newcastle (6f, firm) maiden. BOLD MEMORY 6l 9th of 14 to Yousefia in maiden over course and distance (good to firm). MOULAAF (Feb 25) by Kris; dam half-sister to 2,000 Guineas winner Shadeed. MR FLOOD (Mar 22, cost $75,000) by Al Nasr; dam half-sister to Grade 1 winner in the United States. SCARBOROUGH HILL 13l 17th of 27 to Toshiba Comet Star in seller over course and distance (good to firm). VENTURE CAPITALIST (Feb 11) by Never So Bold; dam 5f juvenile winner. No selection.

1.40 SOHAM HOUSE STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,322: 1m) (15 runners)

201	(11)	01	AJIB 22 (D,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-4	D Holland	● 99
202	(6)	0	AL HAAL 10 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-10	J Reid	—
203	(10)	00	ARCTIC TEMPO 8 (D Russell) J Fanshawe 8-10	G Carter	73
204	(8)		CALL THE GUV'NOR (W Ponsonby) H Cecil 8-10	A McGlone	—
205	(4)		CHIEF MINISTER (D Thompson) L Cumani 8-10	J Fortune	—
206	(15)	00	DUBLIN INDEMNITY 15 (R Carvill) N Callaghan 8-10	J Tate (7)	—
207	(14)		FATACK (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-10	K Pattinson (7)	—
208	(12)		GREEK CHIME (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 8-10	A Munro	—
209	(2)		HILL GLITTER (P Titeux) Mrs J Cecil 8-10	Paul Eddery	—
210	(9)		LOBILLO (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-10	M Roberts	—
211	(5)		MATHAL (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-10	B Raymond	—
212	(7)		MIMOSA (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-10	W Ryan	—
213	(13)	0	NOBLE VIENNA 11 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-10	G Parkin (7)	—
214	(3)		VIARDOT (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-10	P D'Arcy	—
215	(1)		YOUNG FREEMAN (Lady Harrison) G Harwood 8-10	R Cochrane	—

BETTING: 5-2 Ajib, 7-2 Mimosa, 5-1 Mathal, 13-2 Lil Glitter, 9-1 Chief Minister, 10-1 Young Freeman, 12-1 Viardot, 14-1 Lobillo, 16-1 others.

1990: POLISH KING 8-10 W R Swinburn (13-2) M Stoute 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

AJIB best Beldi 1l in 8-runner York (1m, good to firm) maiden. AL HAAL 9½l 10th of 20 to Sharp Prince in Chepstow (7f, good to soft) maiden. CALL THE GUV'NOR (foaled Mar 22, cost 32,000gns) half-brother by Saint Estephe to smart middle distance filly Upend; dam won at 7½m. CHIEF MINISTER (Apr 25, 110,000gns) half-brother by Rainbow Quest to 7f juvenile winner Lord Westgate; dam won in France. FATACK (Feb 13) half-brother by Kris to 1m 2f winner Flaming Arrow; dam won at up to 1m 2f in France. LOBILLO (Apr 26, 100,000gns) half-brother by Robellino to 1m winner in Italy; dam won over 1m. MATHAL (Apr 8, $450,000) half-brother by Storm Bird to a winner in United States; dam won 4 races in United States. MIMOSA (May 30, $200,000gns) full-brother to smart French middle-distance winner Myth To Reality; dam half-sister to Derby winner Shirley Heights. VIARDOT (Feb 7) half-brother by Sadler's Wells to 7f juvenile winner R B Cheene; dam full-sister to Arc winner Vaguely Noble. YOUNG FREEMAN (May 26, $450,000) full-brother to 1m 1f Irish listed race winner Committed Dancer; dam Committed won William Hill Sprint and Prix de l'Abbaye. Selection: AJIB

2.10 JAMES SEYMOUR STAKES (Listed race: £10,234: 1m 2f) (5 runners)

301	(1)	40-2550	EMPEROR FOUNTAIN 103 (D,F) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 4-9-3	W Newnes	94
302	(5)	211	APTAKISIC 30 (CD,F) (R Duchossois) L Cumani 3-8-9	J Fortune	90
303	(2)	411-262	HEART OF DARKNESS 14 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-9	J Reid	● 98
304	(4)	416	CONTESSA 14 (F) (G Leigh) G Harwood 3-8-4	A Clark	83
305	(3)	12410	MOHICAN GIRL 20 (D,F,G) (A Cane) J Fanshawe 3-8-4	M Roberts	93

BETTING: 2-1 Heart Of Darkness, 5-2 Aptakisic, 7-2 Mohican Girl, 9-2 Emperor Fountain, 6-1 Contessa.

1990: STAGECRAFT 3-8-9 W R Swinburn (4-1) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

EMPEROR FOUNTAIN 9½l 6th of 12 to Sir Felix in group II Ammerschlager Frankfurt Pokal (1m 2f, good). APTAKISIC beat Good Profile ¾l in 10-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm); previously beat Chloes Diamond 1½l at York (1m, good to firm). HEART OF DARKNESS 3½l 2nd of 10 to Susurration in listed race over 1m 1f here (good to firm) with CONTESSA (1lb better off) 9¾l 6th. CONTESSA beat Rayado 8l in 12-runner Pontefract (1m, good to firm) maiden. MOHICAN GIRL 13l 7th of 8 to Always Friendly in group III Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, good); previously beat Shawone 1½l in 7-runner graduation race at Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good to firm). Selection: HEART OF DARKNESS

2.45 FITZROY HOUSE HANDICAP (£4,620: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

401	(9)	1	PRINCIPLE MUSIC 77 (F) (Dr M Smurfit) A Stewart 3-9-10	M Roberts	98
402	(7)	143301	KIVETON KABOOZ 15 (CD,F,G) (Kiveton Ltd) L Cumani 3-9-2	J Fortune	95
403	(11)	55210	MOONLIGHT QUEST 8 (D,G) (Mrs J Lamb) B Hanbury 3-9-2	M Hills	89
404	(3)	20-4142	AMBASSADOR ROYALE 22 (BF,F) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-12	A Munro	97
405	(4)	410042	LLANGOLLEN 15 (B,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-10	D Holland	95
406	(10)	645150	KAYTAK 15 (D,G,S) (T Myles & Co (Contractors) Ltd) J Jenkins 4-8-5	G Carter	● 99
407	(5)	103014	MAHRAJAN 18 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs F Hamel) C Benstead 7-8-5	R Cochrane	94
408	(8)	136320	QUICK RANSOM 146 (S) (J Morrison) M Johnston 3-8-4	Dean McKeown	91
409	(1)	541523	TROJAN LANCER 6 (D,F) (A Graham) J Scargill 5-8-1	W Ryan	96
410	(6)	135	JEWEL OF THE EAST 104 (D,S) (F Salman) M Bell 3-7-12	A McGlone	94
411	(2)	200/050-	RUN FREE 305J (D,S) (M Bevan) Pat Mitchell 6-7-7	D Harrison (5)	—

Long handicap: Run Free 6-4

BETTING: 3-1 Ambassador Royale, 7-2 Principle Music, 9-2 Kiveton Kabooz, 13-2 Llangollen, 8-1 Jewel Of The East, 10-1 Kaytak, 12-1 Trojan Lancer, Mahrajan

1990: OSHAWA 3-9-1 M Hills (16-1) B Hills 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCIPLE MUSIC beat Tide Echo 3½l in 5-runner Haydock (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm) maiden. KIVETON KABOOZ beat LLANGOLLEN (1lb better off) nk in 14-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with KAYTAK (5lb better off) 5¾l 7th. MOONLIGHT QUEST beat Manne Society 4l in 17-runner Folkestone (1m 4f, good) maiden on penultimate start. AMBASSADOR ROYALE 1l 2nd of 12 to Venturat in York (1m 4f, good to firm) apprentice handicap. LLANGOLLEN 5¾l 4th of 10 to Aptakisic in handicap here (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. KAYTAK beat Tiger Shoot 2½l in Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good) handicap in June. MAHRAJAN beat Miss Witch 1l in 11-runner Salisbury (1m 4f, good) handicap on penultimate start. TROJAN LANCER 8l 3rd of 12 to Sapphanne in Doncaster (1m 4f, good) handicap, previously 7l 2nd of 20 to Mysterious Maid at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm) with MAHRAJAN (4lb better off) 2¾l 4th. Selection: LLANGOLLEN

3.15 NOVEMBER CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,110: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

501	(9)	0-50	DAZZLE THE CROWD 10 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-3	Dean McKeown	77
502	(13)	232410	BID FOR ELEGANCE 22 (D,G) (W Hawkings) R Hannon 9-2	Mark Denaro (7)	83
503	(14)	0400	COMANECI 29 (V Chandler Knights Hill) J Akehurst 9-2	T Williams	93
504	(2)		TEMPLE ISLAND (R Henley) P Makin 9-2	T Sprake	—
505	(3)	0680	BUDDY'S FRIEND 13 (C Linney) R Williams 8-13	R Cochrane	85
506	(10)	444595	NOTED STRAIN 22 (BF) (Hunslet TPL) P Makin 8-13	B Raymond	91
507	(1)	500-	MISS PRECOCIOUS 323 (Mrs C Dowling) F O'Mahony 8-12	A Mackay	74
508	(8)	4000	BENGAL TIGER 8 (B) (A Johnston) J Akehurst 8-7	D Holland	76
509	(12)	00300-	VANDA'S GIRL 307 (Mrs M Brown) A Bailey 8-6	F Norton (5)	81
510	(6)	000000	TRENDY AUCTIONEER 17 (G) (Miss V Jarvis) A Hide 8-5	G Baxter	—
511	(11)	000000	FAST RUN 3 (B) (K Linwood) Pat Mitchell 8-3	A Munro	—
512	(7)	00-4500	MISTER MAJOR 31 (B) (Keay) L Holt 8-3	N Adams	84
513	(5)	363005	DRINKS PARTY 3 (BF,F,S) (D Edge) J Wharton 8-2	—	89
514	(4)	2	GENUINE LADY 3 (Mrs D Brazier) A Jarvis 8-0	S Hawkes (7)	● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Bid For Elegance, 7-2 Genuine Lady, 9-2 Noted Strain, 8-1 Drinks Party, 10-1 Temple Island, 12-1 Miss Precocious, 14-1 others.

1990: SUPER VIRTUOSA 7-9 Dale Gibson (12-1) M Haynes 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BID FOR ELEGANCE beat Loki nk in 17-runner Salisbury (1m 2f, good) claimer on penultimate start; earlier sh hd 2nd of 11 to Laurel Queen in Warwick (7f, good) claimer with MISTER MAJOR (14lb better off) 5¾l 5th. COMANECI disappointing since 13¼l 4th of 13 to Lupescu in Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm) maiden in June. NOTED STRAIN 6½l 3rd of 12 to Pentridge at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. VANDA'S GIRL 2¾l 3rd of 12 to Fluidity at Lingfield (AW, 7f) in December. TRENDY AUCTIONEER 16l 7th of 18 to Pharly Stray at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm). DRINKS PARTY 9l 5th of 12 to Lifetimes Ambition at Leicester (1m 4f, firm) with FAST RUN (8lb worse off) 13l 10th. GENUINE LADY 3l 2nd of 19 to Laurel Queen at Leicester (1m, firm). Selection: GENUINE LADY (nap)

3.45 POTTER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,464: 5f) (10 runners)

601	(8)	13	ISDAR 62 (D,BF,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-7	R Hills	85
602	(10)	212230	TRY LEGUARD 5 (D,G) (J Devaney) W Carter 9-4	J Reid	83
603	(1)	52411	ISAIAH 8 (F) (Miss C Spurrier) M Johnston 9-1 (7ex)	Dean McKeown	88
604	(6)	112345	HEATHER BANK 29 (G,S) (Mrs G Harper) J Berry 8-12	J Carroll	95
605	(4)	301326	FREDDIE LLOYD 3 (D,G) (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-10	J Tate (7)	90
606	(3)	050412	PEERAGE PRINCE 14 (G) (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 8-5	S O'Gorman (3)	94
607	(7)	463132	PARADISE FORUM 29 (D,F) (K Fischer) Lord Huntingdon 8-4	A Munro	92
608	(9)	00115	TOPSTRIKE 44 (D,F) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 8-2	M Roberts	98
609	(2)	1206	EVER SO LONELY 41 (D,F) (Mrs J Davis) A Bailey 8-1	G Carter	● 99
610	(5)	544002	EASTLEIGH 8 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 7-7	M Humphries (7)	94

Long handicap: Eastleigh 7-8

BETTING: 9-2 Isdar, 5-1 Isaiah, 11-2 Freddie Lloyd, 7-1 Topstrike, 8-1 Ever So Lonely, 10-1 Peerage Prince, Heather Bank, Eastleigh, Paradise Forum, 16-1 Try Leguard.

1990: BEAU VENTURE 8-6 S Perks (16-1) F Lee 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

ISDAR 4¾l 3rd of 8 to Commanche Dancer in Chester (6f, good to firm) graduation race; previously beat Festive Cheer neck in 10-runner Ascot (5f, good) stakes race with FREDDIE LLOYD (11lb better off) 6¾l 10th. ISAIAH beat EASTLEIGH (10lb better off) nk in 15-runner Pontefract (6f, firm) nursery. HEATHER BANK 1½l 4th of 10 to Cochabamba in Ayr (6f, good) nursery on penultimate start. FREDDIE LLOYD 6½l 8th of 25 to Casteddu in valuable Redcar (6f, good) auction race on Tuesday. PEERAGE PRINCE 1¼l 3rd of 12 to Petite-D-Argent in nursery here (6f, good to firm); previously beat Mountain Ash sh hd in 11-runner Lingfield (6f, good) maiden. PARADISE FORUM ¾l 2nd of 9 to Spitze in nursery over course and distance (good to firm) with HEATHER BANK (8lb better off) 3l 5th, previously 1l 3rd of 9 to Blue Tiger in Sandown (5f, good to firm) nursery with TOPSTRIKE (9lb better off) 3l 5th. Selection: FREDDIE LLOYD

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	78	347	22.5	R Cochrane	58	438	13.2
J Gosden	15	78	19.2	M Hills	37	294	12.6
M Stoute	56	295	19.0	M Roberts	60	492	12.2
L Cumani	58	330	17.5	J Carroll	5	46	10.9
J Wharton	7	42	16.7	A Munro	14	133	10.5
J Fanshawe	4	25	16.0	J Fortune	5	48	10.4

(Not including yesterday's results)

WETHERBY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.30 Gale Again.	1.30 Dawadar.	3.30 Icarus.
2.00 He Who Dares Wins.	2.00 Shoon Wind.	
2.30 Paperwork Boy.	2.30 Paperwork Boy.	
3.00 Greenheart.	3.00 Tresidder.	
3.30 ICARUS (nap).	3.30 PORTAVOGIE (nap).	
4.00 Fairways On Target.	4.00 Knshbaloo.	

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.30 HORNSHAW NOVICES HURDLE (£1,870: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

1		2203-1	DAWADAR 16 (CD,F) (Robinson Publications Ltd) N Tinkler 4-11-2	G McCourt	90
2		1	GALE AGAIN 21 (F) (P Pilar) W A Stephenson 4-11-2	A Merrigan	78
3		632260-	CARRIGEEN HERO 172 (J Parsons) J Parfrey 7-10-10	N Smith (5)	—
4			DARTINGTON BLAKE (J Dozier) J Dozier 7-10-10	M Dragan (7)	—
5		432606-	DICKIE'S GIN 177 (S) (J Wade) J Wade 7-10-10	K Jones	94
6		42405/4-	FOGGY SCOTCH 370 (Mrs D Horner) Mrs G Raveley 7-10-10	P Niven	80
7		0/4	KING'S IMAGE 21 (L Aggio) K Oliver 8-10-10	G Thomson (7)	77
8		3430-	SANDY'S BEACON 213 (Mrs M Brook) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-10	M Dwyer	76
9		600636-	SHREWD JOHN 157 (H Gill) H Gill 6-10-10	R Marley	82
10		05P/8-	STAR NEPHEW 335 (H Gill) H Gill 6-10-10	A Farrell	—
11		4666-4	VAZON EXPRESS 27 (R Perkins) P Dalton 5-10-10	R Supple	87
12		206-	WESTWELL BOY 230 (D Yeadon) P Beaumont 5-10-10	P A Farrell	● 99
13		1F4312-	WORTHY KNIGHT 191 (F,G,S) (T Ounsley) B McLean 10-10-10	B Powell	—
14		050-02	PLATINUM REBEL 9 (S Ramsey) J Charlton 4-10-9	J O'Gorman	72
15		00-	PROGRAMMED TO WIN 178 (Sykehouse Ltd) B McLean 4-10-9	C Grant	—
16		00-	SHILINSKI 24F (A Watson) G Moore 4-10-9	J Callaghan	70
17		0-0	CAITHNESS DAWN 21 (R Anderson Green) C Parker 5-10-5	B Storey	—
18		/002P/0	COUNTESS CROSSETT 37 (E Caine) E Caine 5-10-5	Mr P McLoughlin	—
19		3450-23	MOUNT AILEY 17 (Miss L Hellwell) Mrs V Aconley 5-10-5	J Corkell (7)	98
20			ROYAL LAUREL (Mrs D Aggio) K Oliver 7-10-5	L O'Hara	—
21		PP-P	ST MORWENNA 15 (Mrs W Russell) J Mackie 5-10-5	C Hawkins	—
22		30-	CAHN MAIRG 277 (The Caledonian Racing Club) J Jefferson 4-10-4	B Dalton (7)	—

BETTING: 11-4 Gale Again, 7-2 Dawadar, 5-1 Sandy's Beacon, 6-1 Foggy Scotch, 8-1 Dickie's Gin, 10-1 Platinum Rebel, 12-1 Carrigeen Hero, 14-1 others.

1990: NOBLE RAIDER 6-10-10 M Dwyer (9-2) Jimmy Fitzgerald 15 ran

2.00 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,846: 3m 100yd) (7 runners)

1		241502-	HIGH EDGE GREY 179 (CD,F,G,S) (J Stone) K Oliver 10-12-0	Miss S Forster (7)	98
2		0/3F15P-	IRISH RED 305 (CD,F,G,S) (S Hathaway) W A Stephenson 9-11-13	A Merrigan	90
3		311P13-	SHOON WIND 196 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Scholey) M Hammond 8-11-13	P Niven	● 89
4		36321-8	CASTLEVENNON 27 (C,F,G,S) (I Cheesbrough) W A Stephenson 8-11-5	C Grant	96
5		1222-11	HE WHO DARES WINS 16 (CD,F,G) (Mrs M Bird) G Moore 8-10-7	M Dwyer	93
6		FP3263-	FARNWORTH 156 (G,S) (Mrs M Lean) B McLean 11-10-5	B Storey	90
7		433PPP-	JACK OF CLUBS 196 (D,G,S) (Brian McLean) B McLean 11-10-5	—	101

BETTING: 5-2 He Who Dares Wins, 7-2 Shoon Wind, 5-1 High Edge Grey, Irish Red, 8-1 Castlevennon, 10-1 Farnworth, 14-1 Jack Of Clubs

1990: SAMFEN 8-11-4 L Wyer (7-2) M H Easterby 5 ran

☐ Peter Hobbs had double cause to celebrate at Kempton yesterday. He landed the Sprig Hurdle on the Matt McCormack-trained Kir, his first victory since his wife, Angela, gave birth to their first child, George William, on Sunday.

☐ Docklands Express, the winner of last season's Whitbread Gold Cup, is 14-1 favourite with Corals for the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury on November 23. Other prices: 16-1 Aquilifer, Arctic Call, Celtic Shot, Espy, Garrison Savannah, Party Politics, 20-1 others.

2.30 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,856: 2m) (11 runners)

1		U-	BELLOFAGUS 177 (Mrs P Guild) K Oliver 6-11-0	G Thomson (7)	—
2		0-	DONT TELL THE WIFE 223 (M Proudlock) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0	J Short	—
3		1R4-	FAVOURED VICTOR 209 (S) (A Kerr) K Morgan 4-11-0	A S Smith	—
4		00P-	ITYFUL 230 (D Lennon) R Wilkinson 5-11-0	D Bentley (7)	—
5		112-	PAPERWORK BOY 241 (G) (P Sullivan) M H Easterby 5-11-0	R Fahey	92
6		1-5	PIPER O'DRUMMOND 13 (S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 4-11-0	J O'Gorman	—
7		8-	SCAMPI TWO 177 (J Hanson) J Hanson 4-11-0	M Dwyer	84
8		06-54	STRONG VIEWS 56 (P Pitter) W A Stephenson 4-11-0	C Grant	73
9			AMBER EXPRESS (A Stanwix) M Dods 4-10-9	A Merrigan	—
10		646-2	HAZEL LEAF 20 (R McDonald) R McDonald 5-10-9	K Jones	● 99
11		412-	STORMY DREAMS 228 (G) (D Young) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-9	P Niven	—

BETTING: 5-2 Stormy Dreams, 3-1 Paperwork Boy, 4-1 Strong Views, 6-1 Hazel Leaf, 8-1 Piper O Drummond, 10-1 Scampi Two, 12-1 others

1990: BETTER TIMES AHEAD 4-11-0 G McCourt (9-2) G Richards 16 ran

3.00 HARRY WHARTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,794: 2m 50yd) (4 runners)

1		6414-16	GREENHEART 9 (CD,F,G) (The Morley Stud) W A Stephenson 8-12-0	C Grant	95
2		526451-	THE A TRAIN 183 (D,F,G,S) (A Sumner) C Thetline 9-11-9	B Powell	● 99
3		2F1060-	TRESIDDER 199 (D,G,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 9-11-4	P Niven	96
4		362125-	PURA MONEY 157 (D,F,G,S) (J Hamilton) G Richards 9-10-8	M Moloney (3)	96

BETTING: 7-4 The A Train, 2-1 Greenheart, 3-1 Tresidder, 5-1 Pura Money

1990: MISTER POINT 8-11-5 G McCourt (9-2) N Tinkler 5 ran

3.30 ANGRAM NOVICES CHASE (£2,519: 2m 4f 100yd) (8 runners)

1		25222-1	ICARUS 16 (C,F,G) (N Ryall) M H Easterby 5-11-7	R Fahey	95
2		24306-2	ARMAGREL 27 (F,G,S) (Mrs T Longstaff) B Wilkinson 6-11-0	L O'Hara	—
3		P-P3PP5	CROSSETT CRUISADER 9 (B) (E Cane) E Cane 11-11-5	Mr P McLoughlin (7)	72
4		F23426	CROSSOFSPANCILHILL 27 (F) (Arrow Valley Transport Ltd) C Thetline 5-11-0	B Powell	84
5		21330-2	PORTAVOGIE 20 (BF,S) (R Anderson Green) C Parker 7-11-0	B Storey	94
6		000/	ROONEY 834 (M Kelly) G Oldroyd 5-11-0	P Moggey (7)	—
7			SANDY BEAU (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-11-0	M Dwyer	—
8		22P4-32	LADY TOKEN 13 (F) (H Gill) H Gill 7-10-9	Mrs A Farrell	● 99

BETTING: 3-1 Icarus, 7-2 Portavogie, 4-1 Lady Token, 6-1 Armagrel, 8-1 Sandy Beau, 10-1 Crossofspancihill, 12-1 others

1990: ARDBRIN 7-11-2 G Bradley (Evens fav) T Tate 9 ran

4.00 GREEN HAMMERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,935: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1		351315-	MERRY MASTER 195 (F,G,S) (G Langbury) R Armytage 7-12-0	Gee Armytage	81
2		5510/F-P	AUSTHORPE SUNSET 27 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (A Walker) M Hammond 7-11-2	J Callaghan	—
3		01111-	BONANZA 207F (D,G,S) (D Needham & Partners) Mrs G Reveley 4-11-2	R Hodge	● 99
4		118625-	RODEO STAR 205F (C,G,S) (J Bradbury)

RUGBY UNION

World Cup coverage brings global awareness

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TELEVISION coverage of the Rugby World Cup has ensured that the sport is, for the first time, a world game: more than 70 countries have televised the World Cup, rights bringing in £12 million in fees. And, also for the first time, rugby has drawn viewing figures in Britain to compare with football.

Tomorrow, 40 countries are taking the final live in some shape or form, while, with about 10 million viewers having watched the semi-final between Scotland and England last Saturday, ITV is anticipating a domestic audience of 12 million, more than doubling rugby's traditional viewing figures.

In the previous World Cup, in 1987, only 15 countries took the coverage. Now, it has been sold world-wide. The coverage has stretched from Canada and the United States, the Iberian peninsula, eastern Europe, virtually all Francophone Africa, Kenya and Namibia, Morocco, Tunisia and Dubai, to the Far East, including Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and China, where viewers are seeing 17 one-hour programmes.

The leading rugby-playing countries have, of course, seen more. In Ireland, RTE, one of the host broadcasters along with ITV and the French networks, TFI and Canal Plus, are showing all 32 matches. ITV is showing 24 matches live.

With the feeling in some quarters that the Rugby Football Union, which wanted to run the World Cup just in England, has been less than wholly supportive, these figures represent a significant success story for CPMA, the commercial advisers to Rugby World Cup Ltd, and in particular to TSL, the independent production company which is the broadcast manager responsible.

"As the company working with CPMA, we are quite proud of our success," Mike Murphy, the managing director of TSL, said.

Understandably, for it undoubtedly puts TSL in the first division in its field. Mark McCormack might not be trembling yet, but while other areas of the World Cup have been criticised, TSL has turned an unpromising base into the most successful part of the enterprise.

By retaining control of the signal rather than surrendering rights to the host broadcaster, rugby has been able to make almost a third of its anticipated World Cup income from sales to television. That success has been achieved even though in some cases the signal has been given away, or, in the United States, air time has been bought.

"We had a duty to raise money, but exposure is the key factor for the good of the game," Murphy said. "We have bought air time on cable TV in America in order to give rugby exposure."

Eastern Europe is also a beneficiary, although the upheavals in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia created uncertainties. "In most of Eastern Europe we have given it away," Murphy remarked.

Rugby, clearly, should benefit in the long run, and Murphy is also convinced that ITV's involvement is an important step for the game, even though the contract for covering the domestic game has remained with the BBC.

"If Rugby World Cup had not moved the goalposts and given ITV a chance, ITV would not have bid for that last contract," Murphy said. "But, by giving ITV a chance, the BBC had to improve itself and pay more, and that is a service Rugby World Cup has delivered to the home unions."

Scientists explain England success

By CHRIS THAU

UNBEKNOWN to players and administrators, rugby union, or at least a significant section of it, has gone professional. "The days of the talented amateur representing his country are nearly gone. High performance rugby is in the hands of the scientists now," Professor Tom Reilly, of Liverpool Polytechnic, said.

"The game is following the example of other sports in using the large amount of scientific know-how amassed to improve both the quality of the game and the quality of those playing it." As the debate about the Corinthian ethic of the playing side rages, the scientists were among the professionals within the game who gathered in Edinburgh during the World Cup last week to map out the parameters of the game of the Nineties.

The 230 delegates from 30 countries attended the Sports Medicine Congress, organised by the Scottish Rugby Union's chief medical officer, Donald Macleod. The congress consisted of two parallel conferences; the scientific basis of intermittent high intensity sport and the clinical aspects of contact sports with particular emphasis on injury.

The epidemiology of injury was widely debated while various aspects and data relevant to injury in rugby formed the subject of no less than 15 research studies. "We cannot escape the hard realities of statistical data," Professor Lyle Michelli, of the Harvard Medical School, said.

"Our South African colleagues have shown that 98 per cent of the serious injuries occur on the field of play rather than in training. In all other games and sports the percentage is about 50-50. That shows that a consensus must be reached between the people responsible for the safety of the players.

"We must present to the world an image of a well coached, well refereed, well taken care of game. Otherwise, mothers, regardless of TV, will not allow their kids to play rugby."

In Scotland, the rapprochement between science and the game has been a pragmatic decision forced upon the SRU by the scarcity of playing resources. "We simply could not afford to lose players through injury," Macleod said.

Both the England team physician, Dr Ben Gilfeather, and physiotherapist, Kevin Murphy, pointed out that the success of the England side was connected with the medical back-up. "We have experienced an incredibly long injury-free run," Murphy said. "It was not luck or chance. It was hard work and planning."

Teague a team man to rely on

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IN 1982 two young men returned from their first representative trip abroad with England. An under-23 party had proved in Italy that, whatever else English rugby lacked, wings and back-row forwards were not among them. Rory Underwood and Mike Teague could reasonably hope for a bright rugby-playing future.

However, the roads to international sporting fame have many a twist. In seven years Underwood has never been dropped by his country; hence his total of 50 caps. Teague, at 32 nearly four years the older but with less than half that total of caps, is the incarnation of the work ethic: that if you want something, and you believe it is worth having, you will climb every hill to get it (and that includes some unpleasantly steep ones in his native Gloucestershire).

Teague and Dean Richards, the man he has replaced at No. 8 in the England side which, tomorrow, will play Australia in the final of the Rugby World Cup, are the two players with whom so many members of the Twickenham crowd seek to identify. "Deano", they will roar, or "Teaguer", if possible with a West Country buzz, the way they say it at Kingsholm.

It is a recognition of the quiet men of this England squad, whose enjoyment derives from the feeling of a job well done. Teague has always been a worker. The 1984 England tour to South Africa was not successful but on it there were three players of diverse talents who never cut a corner in training, who never cheated on themselves.

One was Huw Davies, a richly-talented player cruelly affected by injuries and the vagaries of selectors. The second was Richard Hill, not a natural scrum half but one who was prepared to work, and continue working, to make himself one of the best. The third was Teague, not quite tall enough for an international No. 8, perhaps not quite as fast as some international flankers but with such a voracious capacity for work that, in the end, it did not matter.

Now he epitomises this England side. Not very flash but if perspiration earns World Cups, tomorrow at Twickenham they will win. "Maybe I'll be able to keep the car if we do," he says with a mischievous grin — the car his garage-owning friend, John Costello from Cheltenham, has had engraved with Teague's name and which has made him the butt of endless jokes from his team colleagues.

More seriously, Teague believes an era in the game is closing: "Think about it. On Saturday I'll be in the World Cup final. On Monday morning I'll be digging footings, down a hole in Gloucester. Everything is changing, the England shirt, the World Cup that's bitten the whole country, the circus that follows us around as a consequence, the amount of pressure.

"But the young lads playing now and who will come after — perhaps as a result of seeing this World Cup — should be free to express themselves and not be stifled by the old guard.

"Rugby has been an eye-opener for me. I didn't have the best education but I have made up for that by visiting the places where I've played and meeting so many different characters. But the last four weeks have confirmed for me that, at the top end, it's part of a show and if that's how it's going to be then the players deserve something more out of it.

"Having said that, I don't think any amount of money could buy the experiences I have had. The dream was to play for the British Lions and I did that in 1989. The grand slam was great and if we were to win on Saturday I don't think it would worry me if I never played rugby again.

"But even if you have all the success in the world, what it comes back to is having respect from the other 14 players you take the field with. If you have that it's higher than any honour. You must have respect, too, for your own performance

"That it is Australia in the final is nice, because they beat us in the summer. But it's our eighty minutes and it's what we are all playing for. The buzz you get that you can never buy."

RUSSELL CHEYNE



We're there: Teague salutes the final whistle against Scotland at Murrayfield

BOA's financiers must heed the threat of ambush

DAVID MILLER

THE man who helps Coca-Cola promote its image, and advises the Atlanta Olympic Games committee on public relations, has been in town this week to offer his assistance to the British Olympic Association. Although the BOA is grateful for any advice these days, it is more financially secure than ever before.

Bob Cohn, whose Atlanta-based company has been involved in Olympic marketing since 1978, helps sponsors such as Kodak and Reebok to maximise the advantage of their sporting involvements. The BOA's sponsorships have never been more healthy. In the preparation for Albertville and Barcelona next year, their national sponsorship programme, with 25 companies in exclusive product categories, may, for the first time, exceed the appeals fund project run by George Nicholson.

The fund target is £2 million, the same as for Calgary and Seoul, inflation being offset by reduced travel distance. A projected sponsorship and appeal income of £4 million is in addition to the BOA share of the International Olympic Committee's global marketing scheme, TOP.

For the four years 1989-92, TOP II — following TOP I for 1985-8 — is expected to approach £1.2 billion. The BOA's undisclosed share, paid by six-monthly increments, is likely, by my reckoning, to exceed £1 million.

Fringe Olympic figures such as Cohn — and the late Horst Dassler, whose ISL marketing company administers TOP — are not to be scorned. Sponsors, now a larger contributor to the Olympic budget than television rights fees, are paying for the Games. It should not be believed, however, that they are *buying* the Games.

Whatever the erroneous worldwide perception, the Coca-Cola parent company in Atlanta, which has been continuously in Olympic sponsorship since 1928, had no bearing on that city's selection by the IOC in preference to Athens. Individual Coca-Cola bottlers supported every candidate for 1996, and the controversial rejection of Athens brought serious discomfort to the Greek bottlers.

"My clear understanding is that Coca-Cola in Atlanta had no favourite," Cohn says. "The Greek bottlers, sensitive to their market position, were temporarily at a disadvantage."

Sponsorship has not only transformed the Olympic Games, but has enabled national Olympic committees such as the BOA substantially to expand their activities. Until recently, many NOCs were no more than four-yearly travel agents/quartermasters, handing out air tickets and uniforms.

Now, the BOA has many flourishing departments in addition to administering British teams: education, under the chairmanship of Don Anthony, medicine (Roy Axon), physiotherapy (Helen Bristow), psychology (Lew Hardy), coaching (Frank Dick), investment (Robert Watson) and nutrition (Clyde Williams). Together with the representatives of the 29 Olympic sports, the BOA's task force, professional and honorary, is in excess of 100 people.

Cohn is able to give advice on the avoidance of "ambush marketing" which has not yet plagued the BOA. Rival companies, say, to an exclusive TOP or national sponsor run a parallel campaign without paying into the pool. Federal Express in Seoul found that DHL had a deal with Ben Johnson, though that met an untimely obstacle. Multi-national sponsors value the Olympics because research proves that identification with the Olympics carries high marketing advantages with customers.

Another problem needing care is the division of sponsorship into different parts. Cohn cites the case of the US Olympic committee, which has different equipment sponsors for Barcelona. Reebok will provide an "award" track suit which is intended to be worn on the medal rostrum, while Nike have a deal with TAC, the athletic federation, to provide track suits during events.

One way to avoid ambush advertising, which Cohn has helped negotiate in America, is to draw each separate national sports federation — basketball, volleyball etc — into the NOC programme. USOC now has agreement with 37 national governing bodies to guard their Olympic sponsorship deals.

For the major companies, Olympic involvement is not so much promotion as protection. "Because of the number of countries in which Coca-Cola operates," Cohn says: "They cannot afford not to be there. It's a pre-emptive measure, to keep the competition down."

Rival companies can offset Olympic sponsors by offering simultaneous price discounts, and to protect TOP III for 1993-96, ISL will seed to provide added support for sponsors investing up to £20 million for an exclusive place.

The psychology of the market place can be critical for a sponsor such as 3M (Scotch video tape, etc) working in a technical field where 30 per cent of its products become outdated every five years and must be constantly innovative.

The BOA is now a business as much as a sports body, which is why finding the right successor to Sir Arthur Gold as chairman next year will be especially important.



Cohn: advice for BOA

Seeing through the gloom of defeat

David Kirk, captain of the 1987 World Cup winning All Blacks, assesses the impact in New Zealand of failure in 1991

NEW Zealanders are, by and large, introverted people, considered in their speech and suspicious of flamboyance. An American friend once described it to me thus: "I see you New Zealanders as the type of people who would ride for days across the desert on a horse beside each other looking ahead the whole time and saying nothing."

Perhaps the analogy owes more than a little to the Wild West (my friend was from Kansas City) but nevertheless it captures an important aspect of the jumbled collection of histories, races and experiences of New Zealand. The nation is bound not by centuries of history and the matted fabric of entrenched social, political and educational mores, as is Britain, nor by the persuasive idea of freedom and an unquestionable belief in themselves, as is the United States, but by a collection of unspectacular and unarticulated beliefs about what it means to be a Kiwi. One of these is that rugby union is our national game and that we are the best in the world at it.

This belief will not have been enforced by the events of last Sunday. New Zealanders will be disappointed, sad, frustrated and perhaps a little annoyed (this last particularly if their advice about what needed to be done was not instigated) by the semi-final loss to Australia. But they will not be concerned, for more than a moment, that the All Black glory days are gone. In this they may be wrong but that is another story.

The over-riding emotion will be one of pragmatic and constructive criticism. The loss will be dissected, both as a performance on the day and as a stream of decisions and performances over the last year. This is not so as to apportion blame but to understand and to learn from mistakes.

The Australians' effort in producing a team of such quality at just the right time will also be examined and any lessons which can be drawn will be gratefully accepted.

It is likely that a fear that the popularity of rugby league provides a growing threat to rugby union in New Zealand will be revived. The game has been well promoted from Australia and viewing audiences rival rugby union, prompting the theory that youngsters will begin to identify with and take up the 13-man code. The New Zealand Rugby Football Union will redouble its vigilance.

This pragmatic, analytical approach will be tempered by a fair degree of sympathy for the players. The public is not unaware of the pressure they were under. There will be little public criticism of individuals, particularly because there is an expectation that many of those who did not perform as expected are likely to retire.

There will be a lingering frustration that the draw dictated meeting Australia in the semi-final and that a team they had beaten should be contesting the final with them. But this sentiment will not cut much ice with the majority of keen followers. For most New Zealanders there is only one place to finish in the World Cup.

There is one final disappointment: the nagging thought that they had seen this defeat coming. The All Blacks have not been playing well, by their own standards, for almost two years and nobody seemed able to do anything about it. Some players were replaced, others brought back and tactics changed marginally, but still the side continued to play below standard. It was as if the decline had taken on a life of its own. This is perhaps a demonstration of the one true weakness in New Zealand rugby.

It is the paradox of strength causing weakness. Because the team continues to win against almost all other nations, even when they play relatively poorly, only minor changes can ever be justified. It takes a shattering loss, such as occurred last Sunday, for real change to become possible. The New Zealand public will be expecting it.

HOCKEY

Bradford to receive a baptism of fire

By ALIX RAMSAY

WHILE the Typhoo national women's league may be plotting a familiar course in the first division, the eight clubs of the newly-formed second division are preparing to test the waters on Saturday, at the start of their league programme.

Few teams did themselves justice in the promotion and relegation play-offs last season, none more so than Bradford. They were plagued by injuries and absences during the play-offs and now, says the manager Joan Lee, they are determined to show that they are not a "pushover team". Not that their initiation into the national league will be easy, taking on one of the founder members of the league, Exmouth, on Saturday.

"We're excited and a little nervous," Lee said. "But I'm happy we're not in at the deep end this season. I don't think we're up to a first division place yet. It suits us to be in the second division to see how it goes."

Lee has had to rearrange the starting line-up to accommodate the loss of Kate Cooke, the Yorkshire vice-captain, through injury. However she is hoping to call on the services of Gill Atkins, the only current senior international in the division. Lee is confident that Atkins's experience will guide Bradford through their first season. "Gill gives people confidence," she said. "She talks every one around her through the game."

As for Atkins, who has been with Bradford for ten years, she is trying to shake off the effects of jet-lag from the 42-hour journey back from Auckland, where she helped Great Britain qualify for the Olympics.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Third division
Bournemouth v Stockport (7.45).....
Wigan v Swansea (7.30). ....

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Matlock v Chorley (7.30). President's Cup: *First round: Southport v Worksop (8.0)* First round replay: Fleetwood v Emley (7.30)

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: *First division*: Prescot v Skelmersdale.

FA VASE: First round: Solihull Borough v Paget Rangers.

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CLUB MATCHES (7pm unless stated): Aberavon v Bridgend, Askeans v Maesteg (7.30), Cambridge Univ v Harlequins (7.15); *Cardiff v Gloucester (7.15)*; *Coventry* v Bedford (7.30); Cross Keys v Maesteg; Exeter v Plymouth (7.30); Headingley v Nottingham (7.15); Llanelli v Wasps; Neath v Bath; Penarth v Stroud; Rosslyn Park v Swansea (7.15); South Wales Police v Pontypool; Stirling County v West of Scotland; Weston super Mare v Lydney (7.15); Newcastle Gosforth v Orrell, Newport v Narbonne; Wakefield v Morley (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

ICE SKATING: *British ice dance championships* (Nottingham)
TENNIS: National championships (Telford)

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Radley are very trying

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

RADLEY, who reached half-term without conceding a single try, have had only penalties scored them during the course of five wins and a draw, 6-6, against St Edward's Oxford. They face stern tests after the break against Cheltenham, Wellington College, Sherborne, Harrow and Rugby.

King's Taunton, who survived a taxing encounter with Downside in poor conditions to draw 6-6, also reached half-term unbeaten, as did **King Edward VI Southampton**, who benefited greatly from their summer tour to Canada, to earn a place in the national King Edward VI tournament final. Their under-16, under-15 and under-13 teams are also unbeaten.

Rugby's mixed fortunes included a loss by 17-21 to Trent, but they registered a runaway victory over Stowe by 42-0. Despite conceding six penalties, they comfortably beat Nottingham HS by 50-18, with six tries from their right wing, Babajide Kayode.

Loretto lost their first game of the season 6-14 to Glenalmond, but stoned by defeating **George Heriots** away, by the same score. **Sandbach**, a comprehensive from Cheshire, are unbeaten in schools fixtures.

Newcastle-under-Lyme started the term with 12 new players and suffered two heavy defeats before a string of good wins ended in a further defeat by **Bishop Vesey's** (16-12).

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Cambridge's second club is making progress

By WALTER GAMMIE

LIVING in the shadow of a successful Football League club creates problems for a non-League side. Cambridge City, who have been forced to admire the rapid ascent up the divisions of Cambridge United, have the additional problem of scrapping for support and commercial backing in an area hardly noted as a hotbed of football.

Yet, Steve Fallon, the player-manager for four seasons, can take pride in City's position at the top of the Beazer Homes League premier division. Fallon switched camps after having been at the heart of United's first rise from the fourth division in the late Seventies. Both Fallon and Steve Spriggs, his City colleague, made more than 400 League appearances for United.

A 2-2 draw at Milton Road before a crowd of 650, by far the biggest of the season, against third-placed **Dover Athletic** on Wednesday night ended an impressive run of eight consecutive home victories, but made up for a 3-0 defeat at Dover in August, a match in which Fallon was sent off. Dover led 1-0 at half-time through **Colin Blewden** but Gary Grogan and Laurie Ryan put City ahead before Joe Jackson, Dover's record £12,000 signing from Yeovil, equalised.

Ryan, signed from Cambridge United, at the start of the season is one of only three players that City have under contract, the others being Andy Beattie and Andy Jeffrey, a recent signing from Leicester City. Aware that the side is ageing, City have this season entered a reserve team into the Jewson League first division, and Fallon had the pleasure of seeing the youngsters moving to the head of the table last Saturday.

"We can't really speculate," Fallon said. "We've got to rely on the support and sponsorship we can get. With Cambridge United doing so well, we've found that we've lost some of the floating support and that more people who might watch us have been travelling away with United. If they get to the first division, we'll end up with nobody!"

Much of Fallon's time is spent in his role as City's commercial manager. "We can't meet United head-on," he said, "but we have developed a successful tie-up with the Rosie Maternity Hospital, where we run a daily draw and organise car boot sales and split everything 50-50. We've got a large car park, which in the summer gives us the chance to offer space to tourist coaches. But outgoings get higher and higher and we have quite a lot to do to the ground to meet the requirements of the Conference."

Two goals by Cliff Hercules and one by Darren Collins secured **Aylesbury United** a 3-1 victory at **Chesham United** in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round replay on Wednesday and earned them a trip to **Kidderminster Harriers** in the first round on November 16. Added satisfaction for Aylesbury, in a lively local rivalry that has intensified with Chesham's promotion to join them in the Diadora League premier division, lay in ending Chesham's 18-match unbeaten start to the season.

George Borg, the Chesham manager, must now lift his side for an important third-versus-second league confrontation at The Meadow against still unbeaten **Enfield**, who enjoyed a fine win over **VS Rugby** in the Cup on Saturday. Enfield lie 12 points behind **Woking**, 3-0 winners at Marlow on Tuesday, who have used their Cup exemption to play five more matches than their challengers.

Mr Fixit who is eager to fix Britain a champion

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

TOO many saviours of British tennis have fallen by the wayside for Ian Barclay to make extravagant claims about producing future Wimbledon champions. Besides, having done so once already with Pat Cash, he knows the length of the odds better than most.

"100,000 to 1 maybe. It's becoming increasingly difficult but I don't see why an English boy can't do what Pat did. There's no difference in attitude. A lot of people make a lot of excuses," Barclay says.

That has not stopped the Australian from taking up the Lawn Tennis Association's challenge. As the new head coach of the Rover School at Bisham Abbey, the latest in a line of distinguished recruits to British tennis this year, Barclay's task is to do for the land of his mother what he did so successfully for Australia, the land of his birth. A brief survey of the best of British at the Volkswagen national championships in Telford this week only emphasises the extent of his chore.

"There seems to be a huge sense of self-doubt in British players," he says. "They go on court not looking as though they are going to win. That has to go. The problem is that the boys have no grand slam winner to cling on to, no one about whom they can say: 'I'm going to do that.' No one they can put on a pedestal."

Though a droopy moustache might hide a stiff upper lip, Barclay does not quite fit the traditional image of the LTA. Long before he became a tennis coach, he was a graphic artist and his long silver hair still suggests a vaguely Bohemian air, one of the reasons why he is still viewed with considerable suspicion in some backwaters of the game.

His methods are not quite textbook either. Yet to watch Barclay on court is to watch a man at ease with life. His control is absolute, his eye for fault uncanny, his confidence total. "Alex," he cries as one of his charges serves a double-fault. "That could cost you $150,000." For every circumstance, there is a Barclayism. If a lob is hoisted, Barclay's pupils will all mutter the same phrase before smashing the winner: "My point, sucker."

"You must never sow a seed of doubt in their minds." Recently, he told a particularly diminutive junior he would one day have a serve as big as Michael Stich's. "No, Mr Barclay, bigger," came the reply. "I loved that. Now every time I see that boy I'll ask 'How's that serve that's bigger than Stich's coming along'?"

Quite apart from his eye for mechanics, which has already turned Bisham Abbey into the tennis equivalent of a 24-hour garage, Barclay has that priceless asset of the teacher. Though 51, he is a child at heart. He refuses to talk down to his boys, calls them "professionals" not "schoolboys" and treats them as equals. He encourages hard work, but not at all costs.

"Tennis is fun. There is a serious lack of understanding of that in this country. I'll be shot for saying it because my mother is from true English stock, but things can be a little too prim and proper and that could explain why you very rarely see an English player with real flair. There is a tendency to suppress the individual," he says.

"With the boys, we have a great time, but when I growl and bark, I expect them to jump. We'll work like hell for two hours and then we'll have a real laugh. If it's pressure, pressure, pressure the whole time, you'll lose them eventually."

Barclay had been wooed by the LTA for some time before taking the job. In the end, the persuasive powers of his mother and Nick Brown, the British No. 2, proved decisive, but two years of marking time during Cash's recovery from injuries has clearly left him with energy to burn. He has been working all hours, with juniors, seniors, coaches, anyone desperate to make use of tennis's Mr Fixit.

"There is a great buzz around the game at the moment, a real feeling that we're all going in the right direction. It might take forever and a day to find a champion, but if the atmosphere and the attitude is right, there is no reason why it shouldn't happen." Or, to quote another favourite Barclay phrase: "Where there's a will, there's a way."



Barclay: vaguely Bohemian and a man at ease with life

Improved Bailey has a message for Cup captain

By ANDREW LONGMORE

WITH the exception of Nick Fulwood, the No. 5 seed, who was beaten in three sets by Andrew Foster, the seeds progressed with a reliability the sponsors would appreciate at the Volkswagen national championships in Telford yesterday.

Sara Gomer, though, had to come from a set down to beat Valda Lake, while Laurence Matthews had to do likewise against Ross Matheson, the big Scot who served bullets for a set and blanks thereafter.

Perhaps the most rewarding victory of the day belonged to Chris Bailey. As a No. 7 seed, Bailey, aged 23, has shown remarkable determination in recovering from a ligament injury in the right knee, suffered 18 months ago, and he has a chance to settle his score today in the quarter-finals against Mark Petchey.

"This is an important week for me," Bailey said, after his 6-3, 6-2 win over James Lemon. "It will make people realise not just that I am back and can play, but that I am going to be better than I was before."

Without actually mentioning names there was little doubt that his message was aimed at Tony Pickard, the new British Davis Cup captain, who preferred Petchey for the qualifying tie on grass against Austria two months ago.

That the decision proved inspired – Petchey beat Thomas Muster on a memorable opening day – was of little comfort to the tall East Anglian.

He had set his sights on getting back into the squad during the long month of convalescence and long hours of pumping iron, at Lilleshall, in the company of such as Steve McMahon, Neil Foster and Chris Lewis.

Pickard, of course, will be delighted by the whiff of competition and with Bailey's firm prediction that he is a more complete player now than when he reached his highest ranking of No. 126, nearly two years ago.

"In a strange way, the injury could be the making of me," he said. "After several months of not hitting a ball I had to start all over again which gave me the chance to correct some of the weaknesses in my game."

In the women's singles, the top four seeds came through to the semi-finals today: Jo Durie playing Samantha Smith and Monique Javer meeting Sara Gomer.

FOOTBALL

Falling standards reflected in the schoolboy game

By LOUISE TAYLOR

PUPILS at the Football Association's national school at Lilleshall lack the basic skills, are rarely two-footed and frequently carry career-threatening injuries, according to John Cartwright, who resigned this summer as the school's technical director.

Cartwright, who had two year's outstanding on his contract, believes that Lilleshall reflects plummeting standards in schoolboy football throughout England. Cartwright, formerly a coach at Crystal Palace and Arsenal, and now in charge of the youth team at Charlton Athletic, said: "When I went to Lilleshall two years ago I was under the impression that I would be working on advanced tactics and systems, but the reality was that I was teaching the basics. Players could not kick the ball properly, pass correctly, or do the turns."

Cartwright also discovered that "virtually none of the boys was two-footed". This deficiency, he said, was symptomatic of the level of attainment among the annual intake of 16 boys at the school, which is intended to nurture budding England internationals aged between 14 and 16.

Then there were the injuries. "Too many boys starting at the school were carrying stress fractures and three or four in each year would lose a term of teaching through injury."

Charles Hughes, the FA's director of coaching, has said that, in 1990, 15 of the 16 boys had to be referred to specialists. "The number varies from year to year, but it is always a third or more, and they are usually stress conditions," he said.

Such injuries are a direct result of young bodies being forced to play too many matches. Cartwright blames this on the English Schools' Football Association (ESFA).

"Many of the best young players in the country could not come to trials for the national school because they were injured," he said. "That is because the ESFA does nothing to prevent a situation whereby schoolboys are constantly playing competitive matches as opposed to acquiring skills."

Hughes said: "In a number of cases, we have had to advise prospective pupils to have spinal operations, and in others not to play again – ever. If one or two of the best teenagers in the game are lost to football every year, over a ten-year period you might have been deprived of the equivalent of an England team."

In the aftermath of the teachers' strikes in the late 1980s, junior teams have been taken under the aegis of largely unqualified coaches, and youngsters are conditioned to believe that winning is all.

"The years between seven and 14 are the golden years for learning. But when it comes to sport, the accepted ideas about education go out of the window, and it is a case of win at all costs," Cartwright said. "These are the years when they should be learning the tricks, teaching themselves to trap the ball first time, and becoming confident on it.

"Other countries in Europe think we are mad. No other country plays as many schoolboy matches as us. Why should we let an amateur body like the ESFA control the game in a way which has dried up football's supply of raw talent?"

As Hughes said: "At the moment our best young players are playing up to 160 games a season," he said. "This leaves no time for them to be coached. On the continent, there is more coaching and less playing, so the rest of Europe tends to be fitter and technically better."

Cartwright would like to see Hughes and the FA hierarchy remedy the latter situation by exposing the Lilleshall boys to a varied diet of ideas. "The sad thing is that so many talented managers and coaches are out of work, but places like Lilleshall, where millions of pounds have been invested, are not prepared to invite men of ideas like Malcolm Allison, Ron Greenwood, and Bill Nicholson to coach. They would jump at the chance," he said.



Allison: man of ideas

Ferrari official explains the dismissal of their top driver



New man at the wheel: Morbidelli has been brought into the Ferrari team for the Australian Grand Prix on Sunday

Legal battle may follow Prost's exit

FROM NORMAN HOWELL
IN ADELAIDE

THURSDAY is usually a slow day in the build-up to grands prix but the paddock was buzzing here yesterday after the sacking of Alain Prost.

Prost, who for the first time in 11 years has failed to win a race this season, is still in Port Douglas, in Queensland, where earlier in the week he received the news from Ferrari.

The Frenchman is said to be enraged about events which have left him without a drive for the last race of the season and, so far, for the whole of the next. Whether he can drive at all in 1992 seems to be a matter the lawyers will have to settle.

Claudio Lombardi, the team's technical director, was clearly deeply embarassed as he faced a barrage of questions on the subject yesterday.

"We couldn't wait any longer. The situation had become unacceptable. From the performance point of view there was no problem. Alain is a great driver, and a fantastic test driver. But he did not comport himself as you would expect from a top driver, both inside and outside the team," Lombardi said.

He confirmed that a great part of the problem was the suspicion that Prost had undertaken to go to Ligier, something the driver denies.

Lombardi said that a new driver would be announced soon. It will not be Gianni Morbidelli, the Minardi driver, although he will be at the wheel of the red car, No. 27, this weekend. Ivan Capelli is strongly fancied to be the long-term replacement. Lombardi said: "Morbidelli is also Ferrari's test driver, and he can use the semi-automatic gear box."

The Prost affair, following so closely Ayrton Senna's outburst in Suzuka, has left a sour taste in the mouth. Jackie Stewart said he was sad that Prost and Ferrari had to part as they had.

"It was an emotional decision on Ferrari's part," he said. "It's bad for the sport. Unfortunately, both parties succumbed to the pressure of the Italian press and reacted impulsively. It's a great shame. I still think Prost is the best driver. Not the fastest, but the best."

PRE-QUALIFYING: Qualified: 1, M Brundle (GB), Brabham-Yamaha, 1min 17.707sec (109.814mph); 2, A Caffi (It), Footwork Ford, 1 19.007; 3, M Blundell (GB), Brabham-Yamaha, 1 18.049; 4, M Alboreto (It), Footwork Ford, 1 18.151. Did not qualify: 5, G Tarquini (It), Fondmetal Ford, 1.18.184; 6, N Hatton (Japan), Colom Ford, 1.22.852.

TENNIS

Sampras beats off a resolute Croat

Paris – Pete Sampras, the former United States Open champion and sixth seed, overcame a determined Goran Ivanisevic, of Yugoslavia, who fired in 26 aces in the third round of the Paris Open yesterday.

Ivanisevic, the No. 11 seed, was defeated 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, in two hours 18 minutes, after saving three match points in the tie-break of the final set.

Ivanisevic and the No. 15 seed, Goran Prpic, had held a news conference before the match to appeal for peace in Yugoslavia. Both regard themselves as tennis ambassadors for Croatia.

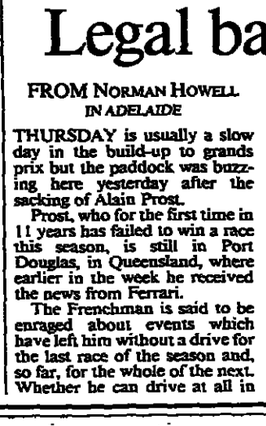
On court Ivanisevic was plainly in no mood to avoid his duty to resist Sampras's brilliant stroke play. The tall Croat was suffering from, what appeared to be, an abdominal injury in the first set, which he lost 6-3.

But, after he strapped on a protective belt, the second set went with serve until the tie-break which he won 7-5. Ivanisevic had fired in 15 aces in the first two sets and he hit 11 in the third as the two again held serve. Sampras took a 6-2 lead in the tie-break and though Ivanisevic took the next three points a strong Sampras serve down the centre line was too much for the Croat on the fourth match point.

Sampras next meets the unseeded Soviet, Aleksandr Volkov, who won in straight sets against the Frenchman, Arnaud Boetsch, in the quarter-finals.

The second seed, Boris Becker, withdrew allowing the unseeded Swede, Jonas Svensson, a walkover to play Karel Novacek, of Czechoslovakia, in the last eight. Novacek beat the Swedish qualifier, Niclas Kulti, 6-3, 6-2. *(Agencies)*

RESULTS: Second round: A Volkov (USSR) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; D Rostagno (US) bt Y Noah (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt J McEnroe (US), 6-4, 6-4; S Bruguera (Sp) bt W Masur (Aus), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; J Couner (US) bt J Connors (US), 6-2, 6-3. Third round: A Volkov (USSR) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 7-5, 6-2; P Novacek (Cz) bt N Kulti (Swed), 6-3, 6-2; P Sampras (US) bt G Ivanisevic (Yug), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; P Korda (Cz) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; O Camporese (It) bt J Courier (US), 7-6, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) w.o. B Becker (Ger), scr.



Pete Sampras: narrow win over Ivanisevic in Paris

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Wednesday night's late results:
RUMBELOWS CUP: Third round: Coventry City 1, Arsenal 0; Everton 4, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1; Manchester United 3, Portsmouth 1; Norwich City 4, Brentford 1; Nottingham Forest 2, Bristol Rovers 0; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Southampton 1.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Brighton 1, Leicester City 2; Charlton Athletic 1, Ipswich Town 1; Southend United 2, Oxford United 3.
B and Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen 3, Motherwell 1; Celtic 4, St Johnstone 0; Heart of Midlothian 0, St Mirren 0. First division: Hamilton Academical 3, Stirling Albion 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Yeovil 0, Colchester 1.
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group three: Hungary 0, Norway 0 (in Szombathely, Hungary)

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	7	4	3	0	10	2	11
Norway	7	3	3	2	8	4	9
Hungary	8	2	4	2	10	6	8
Italy	8	2	3	3	9	4	7
Cyprus	6	0	0	6	2	20	0

GROUP SIX: Greece 2, Finland 0 (in Athens).

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	7	5	1	1	15	2	11
Portugal	7	4	1	2	10	4	9
Greece	9	3	1	5	10	5	7
Finland	8	1	4	3	5	8	6
Malta	7	0	1	6	1	22	1

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group eight: Israel 2, Greece 1 (in Jerusalem).
FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replay: Chesham 1, Aylesbury 3.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Third round: Mostyn 1, Hereford 3.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Morton 3, Newcastle Blue Star 1, Peterlee Newtown 1, Whitley 3; Shildon 1, Gretna 4; South Bank 2, West Auckland 1.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Harrogate RA 3, Thackley 1.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket 3, Haverhill 0. Postponed: Brantham Athletic v Felixstowe.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 0, Marine 3, Fleetwood 1, Morecambe 1. First division: Alfreton 2, Farsley Celtic 4; Caernarfon 2, Newtown 1; Lancaster City 0, Winsford 2; Radcliffe Borough 3, Congleton 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Third division: Feltham and Hounslow B 0, Hornchurch 1.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 2, Dover 2. Midland division: Leicester Utd 2, RC Warwick 1; Sutton Coldfield 3, Dudley 1. Southern division: Buckingham 0, Braintree 0; Bury 3, Erith and Belvedere 1; Hythe 0, Stringbourne 2.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2, Minehead 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Fulham 3, QPR 0; Ipswich 0, Norwich 1; Oxford Utd 2, Swindon 0.
IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Semi-final: Glentoran 2, Ballymena 1.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 0, Sheffield Utd 0; Newcastle Utd 2, Bradford 4, Rotherham 1, Sunderland 2. Postponed: Leeds v Manchester Utd.
WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Barnet 5, Wealdstone 0; Wycombe Wanderers 3, Slough Town 1; Wokingham 0, Leyton Orient 6.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Ajax 3, Willem II Tilburg 0; PSV Eindhoven 1, MVV Maastricht 1; Vitesse Arnhem 1, Utrecht 0; Volendam 0 RKC Waalwijk 3.
GERMAN CUP: Quarter-finals: Bayer Leverkusen 0, VfB Stuttgart 1. Hanover 1, SC Karlsruhe 0.
ITALIAN CUP: Third round, first leg: Verona 2, AC Milan 2; Torino 2, Lazio 0. Atalanta 0, Juventus 0; Inter Milan 2, Como 2; Sampdoria 1, Bari 1; Parma 0, Fiorentina 0; Pisa 2, Genoa 0; Roma 1, Naples 0.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Brazil 3, Yugoslavia 1 (at Varginha).
SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP: Semi-final, first leg: River Plate (Arg) 2, Penarol (Uru) 0.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS BRITISH GAS TROPHY: Third Round: Cannock 1, Liverpool 8; Allerdale 1, Langbaurgh 2.
NAVY CUP FINAL: HMS Seahawk 3, HMS Neptune 2 (at Helston).
COUNTY MATCHES: Under-19: West Midlands 2, Derbyshire 2. Under-16: West Midlands 4, Derbyshire 0.
HOME COUNTIES CUP: Under-16: Middlesex 3, Sussex 1.
LONDON CUP: Under-16: Middlesex 1, Sussex 3.

BASKETBALL

NATWEST TROPHY: First round: Kodak Hemel Hempstead Royals 92, Leicester City Riders 115; Thames Valley Tigers 100, London Towers 113.

BOXING

LEEDS: Commonwealth super-middleweight title (12 rnds): Henry Wharton (Leeds, champion) drew with Lou Gent (Streatham). Super-middle (8 rnds): Kevin Morton (Leicester) bt Nick Manness (Leeds), pts. Featherweight (6 rnds): Tony Sibson (Leeds) bt Kenny Edwards (Haverfordwest), pts. Cruiser (6 rnds): Darryl Browne (Leeds) bt Gus Mendes (Birmingham), ko, 6th. Light-heavy (6 rnds): Michael Gale (Leeds) drew with Denys Cronin (Caerphilly).

CYCLING

RAPPORT TOUR (South Africa): Eleventh stage (Durbanville to Knysna, 75 miles): K Vanlaeken (SA), 2hr 58min 10sec. Twelfth stage (Knysna to Plettenberg Bay time-trial, 22 miles): 1, A McLean (SA), 51min 14sec; 4, M Illingworth (GB), 53.20; 7, J Charlesworth (GB), 53.36. Overall: 1, M Benelle (SA); 2, McLean, at 2min 16sec; 3, R Mashiloan (SA), at 2.59; 5, Charlesworth, at 3.54.

GOLF

HYOGO, Japan: Men's tournament: First-round leader's (Japan unless stated): 66: Y Higgens. 67: H Kase, S Mori. 68: Y Kaneko, K Takanashi, P Walton (US). 69: K Takami. 70: M Ozaki, H Sato, Y Yokoshima, F Minoza (Phil), H Shigenobu, H Kamide, B Glider (US), J Maggard (US). 71: B Lane (GB).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 5, Winnipeg Jets 1; Detroit Red Wings 3, Buffalo Sabres 1; Hartford Whalers 4, Los Angeles Kings 4, New Jersey Devils 5; Calgary Flames 2, Edmonton Oilers 2; St Louis Blues 2.
AUTUMN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Humberside Seahawks bt Durham Wasps.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: World amateur championship: P Mifsud (Malta) bt R Burdis (Aus), 4-0; P Chaithanasakuh (Thai) bt A Troster (Austria), 4-0; J Canny (Ire) bt P Wagner (Ger), 4-0.

MODERN PENTHATHLON

SYDNEY: Women's world championship: Final placings: 1, E Fjellerup (Den), 5,286 pts; 2, C Delemer (Fr), 5,260 pts; 3, C Mineta (It), 5,2484; 4, D Idzi (Pol), 5,181; 5, I Kowalewska (Pol), 5,175; 6, S Krezl (Germany), 5,173; 7, I Krasnova (USSR) 5,154; 8, A Sutova (Pol), 5,138; 9, A Tulok (Hun), 5,106; 10, K Danielsson (Swe), 5,087. British: 26, S Cox, 4,759; 31, M Kimberley, 4,728; 33, H Nicholas, 4,669. Team: 1, Poland, 15,480; 2, Italy, 15,042; 3, France, 14,902; 11, Great Britain, 14,156.

MOTOR RALLYING

IVORY COAST RALLY: Leading final placings: 1, K Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi Galant, 3hr 30min 16sec; 2, P Tauziac (Fr), Mitsubishi, 5 39.04; 3, R Stohl (Austria), Audi 90 Quattro, 80, 8:09.01; 4, J Servera (Fr), Audi Quattro, 9:29.19; 5, D Choteau (Fr), Toyota Corolla, 9 47.26.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Northampton 17, Morley 8; Surrey County Clubs 41, Hertfordshire County Clubs 6.

REAL TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Bathurst Cup (amateur team championship): Great Britain bt United States, 5-0 (J Snow bt R Howe, 6-0, 6-1; N Pendrigh bt J Cappello, 6-0, 6-4). Australia bt France 3-1 (S Lane bt C Chudzik, 5-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-5, 6-5).
SCHOOLS MATCH: Tonbridge (J D Chaplin and C D Walsh) bt Chatenham (C Liverton and A Hayes), 15-6, 9-15, 15-0, 17-14, 15-0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BRITISH COAL INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain Under-21 58, Papua New Guinea 0.
NATWEST STUDENT CUP: First round: Bolton Inst 6, Liverpool Univ 30; Newcastle Poly 44, Allerdale Coll 6; Bradford Univ 18, Leeds Univ 22; North Cheshire Coll 6, Chester Coll 30; Humberside Poly 8, Sheffield Poly 56; Hull Univ 6, Leeds Poly 34; Kingston Poly 0, Staffordshire Poly 60; Lancashire Poly 1, Manchester Poly 38; Lancaster Univ 34, Salford Univ 30; Leicester Poly 22, Bedford Coll 30; Leicester Univ 12, Nottingham Poly 14; Nottingham Univ 6, Loughborough Univ 54; West London Inst 50, Coventry Poly 7.

TENNIS

TELFORD: National championships: Men's singles: Third round: J Bates (Surrey) bt K Adams (Essex), 5-0, 6-2; C Bailey (Norfolk) bt J Lemon (Beds), 6-3, 6-2; A Castle (Somerset) bt N Jones (N Wales), 6-2, 6-3; S Cole (Surrey) bt U Nganga (Norfolk), 6-1, 6-3; M Petchey (Essex) bt D Farr (Lincs), 6-3, 7-6; A Foster (Staffs) bt N Fulwood (Derbys), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; L Matthews (Hants and IoW) bt R Matheson (Scot), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; D Ibson (Lincs) bt J Baily (Hants and IoW), 6-4, 6-2. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: J Durie (Avon) bt S Bentley (Lincs), 6-1, 6-2; S Smith (Essex) bt A Grunfeld (Lancs), 6-3, 6-4; bt Javer (unattached) bt C Wood (Sussex), 6-2, 7-5; S Gomer (Devon) bt V Lake (Devon), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
PHOENIX, Arizona: Women's tournament: First round: A Frazier (US) bt F Labat (Arg), 6-3, 6-1; S Appelmans (Bel) bt A Gavaldon (US), 7-5, 6-3; J Hulard (Fr) bt S Stafford (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Second round: K Po (US) bt T Whitenge (US), 6-1, 1-6, 6-2; P Fendick (US) bt P Rimer (Germany), 7-6, 6-1.

Title defence

Mauro Galvano will put his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title at stake against a Paraguayan challenger, Juan Carlos Gimenez, in Marino, near Rome, on February 1.

ROWING

Challengers Leander pack a punch

THE Fuller's Fours Head of the River will be raced from Mortlake to Putney tomorrow and is once again over-subscribed. The maximum permitted 500 crews werereceived well before the closing date (Mike Rosewell writes).

Nottingham County, winners last year, have six crews starting in the top 50 and their No. 1 squad includes the lightweight gold medal winners, Carl Smith and Toby Hessian, and the leading British lightweight single sculler, Peter Haining.

The main challenge to Nottingham's recent supremacy must come from Leander, whose best three crews are packed with Great Britain rowers. The Leander coxed four, starting 41st, includes the all-conquering Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent joined by their fellow internationals, Jim Walker and Simon Berrisford.

Among the 136 women's crews, Fiona Freckleton and Miriam Batten, the first winners of a women's world rowing medal this year, will be racing in a Thames Four, and a late starting Upper Thames-Thames Tradesmen quad includes the GB double of Alison Gill and Annabel Eyres with the United States premier sculler, Anne Marden, at stroke.

IN BRIEF

Sponsors' support

MOTORCYCLE racing sponsors are to support a breakaway world series run by Bernie Ecclestone next season.

The main sponsors of the grand prix teams said yesterday that they would back Ecclestone, the Formula One Constructors' Association president, who is organising the series for 500, 250 and 125cc bikes and sidecars.

MODERN PENTATHLON: Eva Fjellerup, of Denmark, held off the Frenchwoman, Caroline Delemer, in the final show jumping to retain her modern pentathlon world title at Sydney.

CYCLING: Matthew Illingworth, in fourth place, was Britain's top finisher in the 22-mile time-trial stage of the 825-mile Rapport Tour in South Africa yesterday. Mark Bencke, the South African professional, retained his overall lead.

☐ Chris Boardman, national road and track champion, is to leave Manchester Wheelers for the G. S. Strada team.

CRICKET: George Lambert, the former Gloucestershire fast bowler, has died aged of 72. He took 908 wickets for his county.

Contract for Child

Featherstone Rovers rugby league club have signed Simon Child, aged 17, a hooker from the amateur team, Travellers Saints, on a five-year contract.

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HOWARD BOYLAN

Airborne flying tackler: Farr-Jones, the Australian captain, puts his all into a training session with the rest of the Wallabies and lays a tackle bag low

Australia throw down gauntlet

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BOB DWYER, Australia's coach, effectively threw down a challenge to England yesterday, after the two countries had all but completed their preparation for tomorrow's Rugby World Cup final at Twickenham: no matter how many scrums there are in the match, he said, it will suit Australia.

This, on the day that England lost the services of Paul Rendall, their replacement prop, was a pointed comment on an area England believe to be a major strength. Dwyer was confirming, in so many words, his belief in the young pack he has put together in the last 18 months and he has the figures to back him.

"The more scrums we have the better it will be for our team," he said at the Australians' hotel in Weybridge. "We have an excellent scrum and if we have 100 scrums, it will suit us just fine." As he spoke a promotional banner behind him bore the results of Australia's nine internationals this season: eight victories, one defeat (to New Zealand by three points in Auckland), 241 points for, 88 against.

At the same time Geoff Cooke, England's team manager, was paying tribute to Roger Uttley's work as an international coach – a role he resigns after tomorrow's game. The English pack, Cooke said, was regarded with either fear "or at least respect" all over the world. One ingredient of that pack, until 1990, was Rendall whose World Cup and, possibly, career is now over: the loose-head prop, who played as a replacement in the pool match against Italy to win his 28th cap, ruptured an Achilles tendon at the end of training yesterday and will require an operation.

The injury is sufficient to keep him out of rugby for some months, probably until after his 38th birthday in February, and whether he will choose to return, either with Wasps or Askeans, must be in some doubt. His place among the replacements at Twickenham goes to Gary Pearce, the Northampton tight-head and England's most-capped prop.

Rendall's career is a model for the late developer as he did not win his first cap until the age of 30. His determination further shone through in the way he repeatedly forced his way back into the side when losing out to the rival claims of Gareth Chilcott. Jason Leonard, however, made the position his own when Rendall missed the tour of Argentina last year.

Dwyer admits the youth of his forwards, with the exception of Simon Poidevin on the flank. But his front row, he believes, is unsurpassed in the world and will get better: "Tony Daly had never played representative rugby when we picked him against New Zealand in 1989, but he is an extremely strong guy, who pushes very big weights in the gymnasium, and he combines that with great pace.

"He is a long way off his peak. Even so he is a world class player. Phil Kearns is one of the few outstanding hookers in the world. Earlier this year I picked Brian Moore in my "World XV", ahead of Sean Fitzpatrick [the New Zealander]. But now Kearns is up there with him; he certainly beat Fitzpatrick last Sunday.

"Ewen McKenzie is a super player, arguably the best tight head in world rugby – I don't know any better. He is the quietest of the front-row trio, very dedicated, intelligent, conscientious."

England, who need no further gauntlets slapped in their face, have been looking forward to resuming the forward argument since July when the Australian forwards had by far the better of the Sydney Football Stadium debate. Dwyer admits the efficacy of Jeff Probyn's methods – both Scotland's David Sole and New Zealand's Steve McDowell cut the sleeves from their shirts to avoid being pulled down against Probyn, "which doesn't seem exactly in accordance with the laws as I see it," the Australian coach said wryly.

He also made the point that the Wallabies pack was heavier even than England's, added to which it was younger and more athletic. "One of the things we have achieved is putting together eight forwards who are very good with the ball in hand," Bob Templeton, coach to a generation of Australian forwards, added.

"To play a proper game of rugby you have to involve all 15 players. After the lineout or scrum is over they all have to come in – they have to be support players, to be quick enough and agile enough to cover the field and regroup, to run and drive themselves. This pack is one of the best-balanced we have put on the field, in my memory."

Dwyer admitted the advantage England's experience gives their forwards, but balanced that against the youth, exuberance and speed of his players. "If we add to that a maturity of play and player then we have everything we could hope for. It would be nice to run the English pack around but I think we are physically very strong."

He pinpointed the presence of Wade Dooley, who with Paul Ackford he named as the best locks in the world earlier this year, tomorrow as one of the major factors which have changed since the 40-15 English defeat in July.



Rendall: needs operation

"But there must be in the back of England's minds – unless they have ice-cold blood in their veins – the thought that, if they are not careful, things could go badly wrong and they could get carved up."

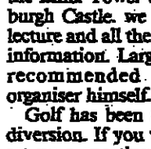
Ray Williams, the tournament organiser, added his pennyworth to the debate on the contrasting styles of the two finalists: "Two seasons ago when they just failed to win the grand slam England played brilliant rugby but since then they have tightened their game, they have closed it up," he said.

"I think that's a great pity because they have the ability to play a much more expansive kind of game. Whether we will see that on Saturday I don't really know because I think it's very difficult to switch from one style of play to another. I think the Australians will force them to be much more expansive in their approach."

☐ Jeff Probyn, who plays against Australia in the cup final, has been named for the England side to take part in next week's World Rugby Classic in Bermuda for which the minimum age for participation is 34.

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Taking away the strain before a game



On the eve of the Rugby World Cup final, Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, tells of life leading up to match day

Very nearly 5½ weeks of what I would describe as a surreal existence have passed since the England World Cup squad came together. It has been our aim for the last 3½ years to build towards this moment, the eve of the World Cup final, and now that it has arrived, we are feeling a mixture of emotions.

A sports psychologist would probably have had a field day studying the way we have handled the pressures and tensions, the build-ups for all the matches. But as there was nobody there apart from ourselves, let me outline some of our activities and the ways we have passed the time.

Other sports have been a welcome distraction. Golf, snooker, pool and running have featured highly on our list. We have endangered the lives of others on golf courses, startled passers-by in the street with the sight of groups of burly men pounding the pavements of Princes Street, Edinburgh, and taken ourselves off to cinemas and restaurants just to get out of the hotels.

Richard Hill, rather in the style of a latter-day Syd James, has been arranging visits to interesting locations. Hillie was a sage guide around places such as the Eiffel Tower and Edinburgh Castle. we got a full lecture and all the historical information. Large tips are recommended by the organiser himself.

Golf has been a popular diversion. If you wanted to set up a sporting massacre with plenty of bloodshed, I would recommend a rival foursomes match between, on the one hand, Messrs Rendall, Probyn, Pearce and Redman, and on the other, Teague, Skinner, Richards and Leonard. Anyone in the vicinity on such a day would be well advised not to go out without a tin hat. These men are dangerous, they can damage your health. You find them coming down all the wrong fairways, going up trees, visiting woods and following completely different paths from tee to green.

Not that I am a Faldo. When I play well, I have a handicap of about 24. We played a championship course in Scotland and I was quite pleased to go round in 95. That convinced me I was getting better until we played a nine-hole course a few days later and I was dreadful.

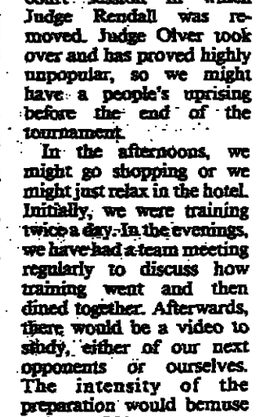
We have met most mornings for training at 9.30am. Halliday and Underwood have a competition to see who can do most of a crossword before the bus reaches the training ground. Hallers is always reading, Will Carling often has his nose in a book too.

Perhaps unexpectedly, the players' court has not been called on to sit very often. There was a coup after the second court session in which Judge Rendall was removed. Judge Oliver took over and has proved highly unpopular, so we might have a people's uprising before the end of the tournament.

In the afternoons, we might go shopping or we might just relax in the hotel. Initially, we were training twice a day. In the evenings, we have had a team meeting regularly to discuss how training went and then dined together. Afterwards, there would be a video to study, either of our next opponents or ourselves. The intensity of the preparation would bemuse a player of 20 years ago.

It has been strange being on tour in your own country and now it is all but over, I have had enough. We will probably feel lost next week when we are all back at work but I do want to return to normal life with my family. I just want to get the match on Saturday over, pick up the trophy, give it a kiss, or something, and then head off into the sunset. Isn't that how the best stories are supposed to end?

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills.*



Hill: sage guide



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India invites South Africa to tour before World Cup

From a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN DELHI

SOUTH Africa may be returning to international cricket sooner than has been thought. The Indian board yesterday invited visiting officials from the newly formed United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) to play a series of three one-day internationals later this month, replacing a tour by Pakistan that was aborted earlier this week.

If the series goes ahead it will be the first time the two countries have met and the first time South Africa has toured India. It had been anticipated that South Africa's return, following a 21-year absence from the international arena, would have been at the World Cup in Australasia early next year, when the Republic would have played all the leading Test-playing nations.

The UCBSA delegation, which yesterday concluded a three-day visit to Calcutta, has moved on to Lahore, where it will have talks with Pakistan officials before returning home to discuss the Indian invitation at a board meeting in Johannesburg on Sunday.

"The invitation for playing the first cricket series between India and South Africa was extended to the Republic's visiting cricket delegation," Jagmohan Dalmiya, the former secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said. Dalmiya and Inderjit Bindra, a former vice-president of the board, made the offer on behalf of the BCCI for a short home series before India leave for a four-month tour of Australia.

"The United Cricket Board of South Africa representatives are cutting short their visit to the sub-continent and are rushing back to discuss the Indian offer with their board members," Dalmiya said.

It is planned that the three one-day internationals will be played in Calcutta on November 10, in Delhi on November 12 and in Jullundur, in the Punjab, on November 14.

The main obstacle to the tour going ahead is that India are scheduled to leave for Australia on November 10 but the Indian board has made it clear that departure could be postponed by a week.

The BCCI has already approached the Australian Cricket Board seeking rescheduling of their matches. Madhavrao Scindia, the Indian cricket board president, was noncommittal, saying it was premature to talk of a South African tour at this stage. Another BCCI spokesman said the tour needed clearance from both governments.

Geoff Dakin, the UCBSA president and head of the South African delegation, said after meeting Madhavrao Scindia, the Indian board president, yesterday: "We don't want to raise any expectations."

The Indian foreign ministry, which lifted a blanket ban on cultural and sports links with the Republic on Wednesday, has praised the UCBSA as a model non-racial sports organisation.

Offers flow for Lewis

CHRIS Lewis, the England cricketer, will take his pick of offers from seven counties and announce his decision within seven days (Martin Searby writes). Lewis, aged 23, refused terms from Leicestershire and Ken Higgs, who is advising him on his future, listed Kent, Hampshire, Worcestershire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Middlesex as counties who have made offers.

"He has just come back from holiday in the West Indies and we have had discussions looking at all the options," Higgs said yesterday. "He's going to mull it over and make a decision towards the end of next week."

Considered to be one of England's brightest talents, Lewis played in three Tests last summer, taking eight wickets for 261, six of them in the match against West Indies at Edgbaston.

☐ David Kemp, aged 62, a former master of Tonbridge School, will be Kent's next president.

Villa make their offer for James

RON Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, confirmed yesterday he has opened negotiations with David James, Watford's England Under-21 team goalkeeper. Atkinson watched James for the third time in recent weeks in Tuesday's game with Millwall.

"In my book he's a bit special," Atkinson said. "It's as if Peter Shilton or Pat Jennings had become available at 21." Villa are prepared to match Watford's £1.3 million valuation and Atkinson is ready to offer James a lucrative five-year contract.

"I'm not desperate to do a deal," Atkinson said, "because with Nigel Spink and Les Sealey, I already have two good goalkeepers. But when young players of James's calibre become available, we have got to be interested."

Neil Warnock, the Notts County manager, hopes to have two newcomers in his side for the visit to Villa Park on November 16. "We have known since the start of the season that we needed more quality in the first division. But it was only fair that we gave the side that won us promotion a chance," he said.

The Leeds United utility player, Chris Kamara, aged 33, travelled to Luton yesterday to complete his £150,000 transfer. The clubs agreed a fee last week but the deal was delayed by injuries at Elland Road.

The England midfield playe, David Batty, has pledged his future to Leeds by agreeing a new four-year contract.

While a proposed £400,000 move by Alan McLeary from Millwall to Celtic is still in the balance, the Swansea forward, Andy Watson, has signed for Carlisle at a fee of £30,000 after a successful month on loan.

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EC opening the game

Brussels – The European Commission is considering giving television companies the right to broadcast football from any member state in line with the 1992 free market principles (Tom Walker writes). The move could affect league attendances in Britain and stifle the game's development; its effect would be felt beyond the EC because revoking Uefa's rule which gives host country football associations the right to bar foreign football from being televised domestically, would affect all 36 countries affiliated to Uefa.

The Commission received a complaint from the ITV companies and Screensport that Uefa's Article 14 had been written into an exclusive BSkyB/BBC contract with the FA that barred other companies from broadcasting European football in Britain.

New rule on tickets is agreed

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

AFTER the wettest Wimbledon on record, the All England club has bowed to pressure and agreed to offer a full refund on tickets if play is washed out on the three main show courts. This change of policy brings the championships into line with the system operated at the French Open and an increasing number of sports events, though spectators will still have the option of buying a ticket for the same day of the next year's championships.

Spectators will also be able to claim half their money back if play begins after 6pm as it did on the first Wednesday this year. No play was possible on the first day and the schedule was so badly hit by the weather in the first week, the club was forced to introduce play on the middle Sunday for the first time.

"This was a very difficult year," John Currie, the Wimbledon chairman said. "Many of our visitors saw little or no tennis in the first week so the committee has decided to amend the system. Most complaints came on the Wednesday when no one was eligible for the rain check system."

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